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THE OLD BURYING GROUND

—OF—

FAIRFIELD, CONN.

A Memorial of many of the early settlers in Fairfield, and an exhaustive and faithful transcript of the inscriptions and epitaphs on the 583 tombstones found in the oldest burying ground now within the limits of Fairfield, with brief notes and illustrations of five eras of tombstone embellishments.

By

KATE E. PERRY,

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July 8th, 1881.

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PREFACE.

The broken stones, the moss covered inscriptions, and the neglected tombs of our general ancestors for the first two generations, constitute the apology for placing this work before the public. The patronage of such works is not sufficiently attractive to publishers, but the time will come when the citizens of Fairfield will be grateful that a portion of its records is thus placed beyond the reach of ordinary danger and preserved for convenient reference. The notes interlarded and the address by Mr. W. A. Beers will preserve for the future generations, much information concerning "ye olden time," which never has appeared in print before.

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Explanations and Abbreviations.

In the back part of this volume is a full alphabetical index of all the inscriptions contained in the work.

The inscriptions are numbered from the north-easterly corner of the burying ground, proceeding westward. The rows lap so that it is wholly impossible to divide the ground into sections, therefore the numbering of each row begins at the fence by the street.

Many of the stones previous to 1752, contain a double date, if it appears between January 1st and March 25, showing that the change was not universally adopted from O. S. to N. S.

The reliefs at the top of the stones are designated by:

S. B. for Skull and Bones.
H. W. for Head and Wings.
F. W. for Face and Wings.
U. W. for Urns and Willows.
U. S. for Urn and Stars.

Beneath the inscription the species of stone is indicated by:

W. M.—White Marble.
B. S.—Blue Slate.
F. S.—Free Stone.
C. S.—Common Stone.

There are five styles, which cover the eras of tombstone embellishments.

1st. The Common Stone with crude initials,
See DXLVI. DXLII.

2nd. The brief inscription with a beautiful face and wings; a skull and wings, or skull and cross bones.
See CXCIV.

3d. Faces and Wings, or Monograms with elaborate inscriptions.
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5th. The brief inscription.
See CCCCXLIII.

INSCRIPTIONS.

I.

H. & W.
Here lies Buried
the body of
Mrs. SARAH WILLSON,
Second wife of
Mr. NATHANIEL WILLSON,
and Daughter of
Mr. ROBERT SILLIMAN,
who was born February 17th,
1728, and departed this
Life, July 13th, 1795,
Aged 67 Years, 4 months
and 26 days.
(W. M.)

II.

H. & W.
In Memory of
MR. NATHANIEL WILLSON,
who died June 21ſt,
1802,
in the 77th year
of his age.

III.

E. W. (Monogram.)
ELIZA WILSON,
Daughter of
Mr. DAVID & Mrs.
BETSEY WILSON,
Died Decr. 6th, 1804,
aged 1 year and 9 months
wanting 3 days.

IV.

In
memory of
DANIEL WILSON,
who died
Aug. 17, 1795,
aged 48 years.
Also of
SARAH WILSON,
his wife, who died
Oct. 28, 1832,
aged 85 years.
Boast not thyself of to-morrow.
(W. M.)

V.

H. & W.
In Memory of
MR. DANIEL WILLSON,
who was born August 6th,
1747, and departed this
Life, Auguft 17th, 1795,
Aged 48 years and
11 days.
Death is a debt to nature due,
Which I have paid and so must
you.

NOTE.—This stone lies on the ground.

VI.

In Memory of
Mrs. Sarah Willson,
Wife of
Mr. John Willson,
who died April 3d,
1814,
Aged 48 years, 9 months
and 7 days.
(F. S.)

VII.

IN
Memory of
John Wilson,
who died
July 27, 1848,
Aged 84 y'rs.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—Probably Stones VI and VII are to husband and wife, if the orthography is not uniform.

VIII.

In
memory of
Anne Bibbins,
wife of
Billy Bibbins,
who died
Aug. 6, 1825,
aged 42 years
and 11 months.
(W. M.)

IX.

CHARLES,
Son of Billy and
Anne Bibbins;
died
March 11, 1815;
aged 4 years.

X.

ELIZABETH,
daughter of
Billy Bibbins,
died June 30, 1819;
aged 9 months and 14 da.
(W. M.)

XI.

In
memory of
GRISEL,
Wife of
Gershom Osborn,
who departed this life
January 1th, 1820;
Aged 76 years.
(W. M.)

XII.

In
Memory of
GERSHOM OSBORN,
who died April 5, 1819;
Æ. 73.

XIII.

In
Memory of
Mrs. GRISEL BRADLEY,
wife of
Capt. INCREASE BRADLEY.
who departed this life
July 24th, 1813,
aged 27 Years, 11 Months
and 7 Days.
(W. M.)

XIV.

In
memory of
GRISEL OSBORN,
daughter of
GRISEL &
Increase Bradley,
who departed this
life Feb. 5, 1827,
in the 14 year
of her age.
(W. M.)

XV.

HORACE,
Son of
Walter & Lucretia
Sherwood,
born Aug. 13, 1811,
& drown'd
June 15, 1816,
of such is the kingdom
of God.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—The other members of this family lie in the West Burial Ground of Fairfield.

XVI.

IN
memory of
JOHN M. OSBORN
Son of
George & Sarah Osborn,
who died August 30th,
1830,
aged 9 months
& 15 days.
(W. M.)

XVII.

DAVID OGDEN,
died Aug. 23, 1828,
aged 68 years.
DAVID, his son,
died May 9, 1814,
aged 15 years.
WALTER, his son,
was drowned
July 31, 1824,
aged 30 years.
(W. M.)

XVIII.

In
memory of
HARRIET,
Daughter of David
& Sally Ogden,
who died Nov. 6th, 1810,
Aged 19 years & 1 month,
Also
WALTER,
their Son, died Jan. 12, 1794,
Aged 6 years, 3 months &
12 days.
(W. M.)

XIX.

SALLY,
relict of
David Ogden,
died
Feb. 18, 1844,
in her 80. year,

NOTE.—This grave is close to the fence in no row.—This Sally Ogden was daughter of Peter Perry.

XX.

Miss SARAH ALLEN,
Daughter of
DAVID ALLEN, Esqr., and
M^{rs}. SARAH his Wife,
died Oct^{o}. 16th, 1805,
in the 19th year
of her age.
(F. S.)

XXI.

In
Memory of
DAVID ALLEN, Esq.,
who died
Jan. 20, 1812;
in the 69. year
of his age.
(W. M.)

XXII.

M^{rs}. SARAH ALLEN,
Wife of
DAVID ALLEN, Esq.,
died Augt. 30th, 1804,
in the 60th, year
of her age.
(F. S.)

XXIII.

EDWARD ALLEN,
Son of
Mr. David & Mrs.
SARAH ALLEN,
died Octo. 2d, 1794,
Aged 16 years 3
months & 10 days.

(F. S.)

XXIV.

Mr. Gideon Allen,
Son of
David Allen, Esq., and
Mrs. SARAH, his Wife
died Decr. 8th, 1805,
aged 34 years.

(F. S.)

XXV.

H. & W.
Mr. DANIEL OSBORN, Junr.,
who died Augt. 29th,
1801,
aged 41 years, 2 months
and 4 days.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—This inscription needs recutting.

XXVI.

In Memory of Mrs.
DEBORAH OSBORN,
Confort of Mr. DANIEL
OSBORN, Junr. & Daughr.
of Col. ABRAHAM &
Mrs. ELIZABETH GOULD,
who departed this Life,
July 28th, 1785, Aged
22 years and 3 days,
Death is a debt to nature due,
Which I have paid and so must you.
(F. S.)

XXVII.

In Memory of
Mrs. ELIZABETH OSBORN,
Relict of
Mr. DANIEL OSBORN,
who died Octr. 5th,
1815,
in the 90th year
of her age.
(F. S.)

XXVIII.

Here Lies Buried
the Body of Capt.
JOHN SILLIMAN,
Who Departed this Life
Novbr. 29th, 1752, Aged 64
Years, 11 Months wanting 2 Ds.
(B. S.)

XXIX.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried y^e
Body of Mrs. MARY
WILLSON, Wife to Mr.
NATHANIEL WILLSON,
Junr., Who Departed this
life. Octo^br. 10th, 1749, in y^e
25th Year of Her Age.

XXX.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried y^e
Body of M^rs. ANNE
Silliman, Wife to Capt.
JOHN SILLIMAN, Who
Departed this Life, Oct^o.
1st. Anno Dom^i. 1740 in y^e
45th year of her Age.
(B. S.)

XXXI.

H. & W.
Here lies ye body
Of Abigail ye wife
Of Joseph Gorham,
Who died Ianua^ry
ye 23^d. 1724-5.
aged 31 years.
(B. S.)

NOTE.—This is a handsome Stone, and more legible than many of recent date.

XXXII.

H. & W.

EDWARD,

Son of Mr.

DAVID & Mrs.

SARAH ALLEN

departed this

Life Novr. 8th, 1774,

aged 17 Years &

9 Months.

(F. S.)

XXXIII.

H. & W.

ELLEN ALLEN

Daughter of Mr.

DAVID & Mrs.

SARAH ALLEN

who departed this

Life September 4th

1775 aged 20 Years

9 Months & 15 Days.

(F. S.)

XXXIV.

In Memory of

Lieu^{t}. DAVID ALLEN

who died Septem^{r}. 8th

1777.

In the 6 [4] th. Year

of his Age.

(F. S.)

XXXV.

In Memory of
Mrs. SARAH ALLEN
Relict of
Lieut. DAVID ALLEN
who died Febry.
1778
In the 60th Year
of her Age.

(F. S.)

XXXVI.

EDWARD,
Son of
Gershom &
Anna Osborn,
died
May 15, 1823,
aged 5 years.

(W. M.)

XXXVII.

In
memory of
ANNA OSBORN,
who died July 9, 1831,
in her 54, year,
relict of
Gershom Osborn.

(W. M.)

XXXVIII.

In
memory of
GERSHOM OSBORN JR.
who died
Feb. 22, 1827.
aged 49 years.
(W. M.)

XXXIX.

In
memory of
ELIZA B.
daughter of Gershom
& Anna Osborn
who died Dec. 28, 1830,
aged 16 years.
(W. M.)

XL.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of
Mr. DAVID OGDIN
Who departed this life
March ye 13th. 1768 in ye
74th Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

XLI.

H. & W.
In Memory of
M^{rs}. ABIGAIL OGDEN
Relict of
M^{r}. David Ogden
who Departed this
Life Septr. 14th, 1783.
in the 81st year
of her age.
(B. S.)

XLII.

In Memory of
Mr. Jonathan Ogden
who Departed this
Life, Oct. 28th, 1775
in ye 41f^{t} year of
his age.
(B. S.)

NOTE.—Mr. Jonathan Ogden built a "Colomal" House, standing on Mill Plain, owned at present by one of his descendants, Mr. Oliver Bulkley, of Southport.

XLIII.

In
Memory of
SARAH, wife of
ELIPHALET THORP
who died
July 10, 1820;
Æ 81.
(W. M.)

XLIV.

In

Memory of

Mr. JOSEPH ALLEN,

who died

July 3, 1812;

in the 28 year

of his age.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—The name of Allen has long been associated in Fairfield, with the best families. (See CCCLXXIV, XXXIV, DLX, LXXXIV.) Among the Allens were men of ability, and faithful in the discharge of the official duties in their trust. Among their descendants, Joseph Allen, Esq., is an honorable gentleman, greatly interested in Fairfield's, preserving her historic name.

XLV.

SARAH ALLEN,

WIDOW OF

JOSEPH ALLEN,

DIED JUNE 19, 1843;

AGED 61 YEARS.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

(W. M.)

XLVI.

H. & W.

In

Memory of Mrs

HANNAH OSBORN

Relict of Mr

SAMUEL OSBORN

who departed this

Life Auguft 30th. 1774.

in her 76th Year.

(F. S.)

XLVII.

H. & W.
Here lies interred
the Body of
Mr. JOSEPH OSBORN,
who departed this Life
Octor. 4th.
1776.
in the 44th. Year
of his Age.
(B. S.)

XLVIII.

This monument is erected
in memory of
Deacon DANIEL OSBORN,
who departed this life
April 27th. 1804.
aged 79 years.

XLIX.

MARY BURR
DAUGHTER of
Peter & Esther Burr
Died Oct. 18. 1864.
Æ. 73 y'rs, 1 mo. & 9 d's.
I know that my Redeemer liveth.
(W. M.)

L.

In
memory of
Abigail Burr
who died
Nov. 28. 1809.
aged 69 years.

LI.

H. & W.
This Stone
ERECTED
BY THADDEUS BURR
& EUNICE BURR
to the memory of their dear friend,
MRS. LYDIA HANCOCK;
Relict of the Honble THOMAS HANCOCK, Efq^r;
of BOSTON
Whose remains lie here Interred,
Having retired to this Town from
the calamities of War, during the
Blockade of her native City in 1775.
Just on her return to the reenjoyment
of an ample fortune
On April 15, A. D. 1776.
She was seized with the apoplexy and
clofed a life of unaffected Piety.
universal Benevolence and extensive Charity.

NOTE.—See No. XCVIII.

LII.

H. & W.
Here Lies Interred the
Body of MARY WILLSON
the daughter of M^r. ROBERT
and M^rs. KATHERINE WILLSON
who died May the 14th.
1757 in the 4th.
Year of her Age.

LIII.

In Memory
OF
JAMES PENFIELD
who departed this life
May 12th. A. D. 1794
In the 63rd. Year
of his age.
(F. S.)

LIV.

In Memory
OF
ELLEN PENFIELD
Widow of
JAMES PENFIELD
who departed this life
March 12th. A. D. 1803:
in the 70th. Year
of her age.
(F. S.)

L. V.

MARTHA
wife of
Jabes Thorp
died Jany. 30th.
1810.
aged 80 years.
(F. S.)

LVI.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of
Capt. John Osborn,
Who Departed this life
Oct. 13th. A. D. 1760. in ye
78th Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

LVII.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Mrs SARAH LEWIS,
Wife of
Mr JONATHAN LEWIS,
who departed this Life
April 8th 1776.
in the 48th Year
of her Age.
(F. S.)

LVIII.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Mr JONATHAN LEWIS
who Departed this Life
Decemr 31st 1792
In the 65th Year
of his Age.
(F. S.)

LIX.

In memory of
Mrs ELIZABETH LEWIS
Relict of
Mr JONATHAN LEWIS
who died Decr. 28th.
1808
in the 64th. year
of her age.
(F. S.)

LX.

In Memory of
Mrs Ellen Lewis
Wife of
Mr Lothrop Lewis
who departed this Life
May 22d 1794,
In the 37th Year
of her Age.
(F. S.)

LXI.

In Memory of
Miss Sarah Lewis
Daughter of
Mr. Lothrop & Mrs. Ellen
Lewis.
who died Oct°. 18th.
1802
in the 24th year of
her age.
(F. S.)

LXII.

H. & W.
Elisabeth Burr
Brewster Daughter
of Caleb & Anna
Brewster, was born
July 11th. 1792 &
died June 23 .1796.
(F. S.)

LXIII.

IN
memory of
Captain CALEB BREWSTER,
who died
February 13th. 1827;
aged 79 years.
He was a brave and active officer
of the Revolution.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—Captain Brewster was a large powerful man. He resided in Black Rock.

LXIV.

H. & W.
Here lies buried
the Body of
Mr. JEREMIAH OSBORN,
Son to Mr. SAMUEL and
Mrs. HANNAH OSBORN,
who departed this Life
Octr. 8th. 1757 in the
24th. Year of his Age.
(B. S.)

LXV.

H. & W.
HERE LYES YE BODY
OF MRS ABIGAIL OSBUN
WIFE TO MR. SAMUEL
OSBUN AGED ABOUT 44
YEARS. DECD AUGUST
ye 5th 1 7 2 4.
(B. S.)

LXVI.

H. & W.
Here Lyes Buried
the Body of Mr.
SAMUEL OSBORN;
Who Departed this
Life. April 2nd Anno Doml
1 7 5 2 Aged 72 Years.
(B. S.)

LXVII.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of Mr.
BENJAMIN OSBORNE
who departed this Life
July ye 29th. 1770.
Aged 47 Years.
(B. S.)

LXVIII.

H. & W.
HERE LIES BURIED
THE BODY OF
SAMUEL OSBORN, Junr.
SON OF Mr SAMUEL
OSBORN DIED NOVR.
20th. 1 7 5 2
IN THE 12th YEAR
OF HIS AGE.
(B. S.)

LXIX.

H. & W.
HERE LIES BURIED
THE BODY OF Mr.
SAMUEL OSBURN
DIED JUNE 7th. 1754
IN THE 54th. YEAR
OF HIS AGE.
(B. S.)

LXX.

H. & W.
In
Memory of
ESTHER, wife of
PETER BURR
who died
Oct. 2, 1837
aged 82 yrs
& 7 mo's.
(W. M.)

LXXI.

In
Memory of
MR. PETER BURR
who died
July 4. 1816.
in the 71st Year
of his age.
(W. M.)

LXXII.

In
Memory of
MRS ABIGAIL BURR
wife of
MR EPHRAIM BURR
who died
July 8, 1780;
aged 78 years.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—Mrs. Abigail Burr was a daughter of Judge Peter Burr.

LXXIII.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Mr. EPHRAIM BURR.
who departed this
Life April 29th
1776;
Aged 76 years
and 13 Days.
(F. S.)

LXXIV.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—Judge Peter Burr,—a fac-simile of whose head stone is given on the opposite page,—was of the first generation of Burrs born in this Country, his Father and Grandfather being natives of England. He was an important personage who assisted in making the Burr name illustrious. A graduate from Harvard in 1690, he commenced his career as a teacher in Boston; subsequently he studied law, and settled in Fairfield in the practice of his profession. In 1700 he was Auditor of the Colony; also, Deputy for Fairfield; in 1702 Speaker of the House; in 1703 Assistant in the Government; Councilor on the French and Indian War, and was Justice of Peace, Judge of Probate for Fairfield; Judge of County Court; Judge of Superior Court, and Chief Judge of the Superior Court. In 1724, the year of his death, he held the three last offices named, besides being Auditor and Assistant. His influence for good in the Colony was not exceeded, and rarely equalled by any of the leaders in the Commonwealth, and in ability, attainments and public service he was not eclipsed.

A silver tankard is in the posession of Mr. William Burr, (1882) which is an heir loom inherited from his ancestry, Judge Peter Burr's family, bearing this inscription.

The Gift of
Thaddeus Burr
Decd to
Abigail Burr
1755.

Judge Peter Burr has many descendants residing in Fairfield, highly respected Citizens, under the name of Burr, Lyon, Jennings, and Morehouse.

LXXV.

Here lies Interr'd ye Body
of Mrs Eunice Dennie wife of
M^{r}. James Dennie who Dec'd
Oct'r ye 6th 1740 in
the 32nd year of her age.

LXXVI.

Inscription gone.

Note.—These two freestone tablets to the memory of Mr. & Mrs. James Dennie, contained inscriptions engraved on slate and cemented therein, but the inscription to the latter, has been entirely destroyed.

LXXVII.

H. & W.
Here lies Interr'd
the Body of M^{r}
Garshorn Burr
who died Sep^{t} y^{e}
2nd. 1747 Aged 42
Years 4 Months
& 2 Days.
(F. S.)

LXXVIII.

S. & B.
Here Lyes Buried
THE BODY of
M^{rs}. Abigail Burr, wife to
Thaddeus Burr Esqr.
She died June 26th. 1753.
In the 49th Year of her Age.
(B. S.)

LXXIX.

S. & B.
HERE LYES BURIED
THE BODY OF
THADDEUS BURR ESQ^{r}:
WHO DIED MARCH 28. A. D.
In the 55 YEAR of his AGE.
(B. S.)

LXXX.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried ye Body of M^{r}
BENJAMIN WYNKOOP of Fairfield
he was born in New York
May ye 5th old Stile 1705 &
departed this Life Sep^{t}. 1st 1766
in ye 62^{d} Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

LXXXI.

ABIGAIL 2 wife of
Hezekiah Nichols,
died Oct. 18. 1830.
aged 67.
(W. M.)

LXXXII.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried y^{e}
Body of M^{rs} ANN
ALLEN Wife to Lieu^{t}.
GIDEON ALLEN
Who Departed this life
March 14th. Anno Dom^{i}.
1747-8 Aged 72 Years.
(B. S.)

LXXXIII.

H. & W.
Here Lyes Buried
the Body of M^{r}.
GIDEON ALLEN, Junr.
Who Departed this Life
May 29th. A. D. 1748 in y^{e}
46th Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

LXXXIV.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Mrs ABIGAIL ALLEN Wife of
Doct^{r} JOHN ALLEN
Who departed this Life
July the 4th. 1773 in the
43^{d} Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

LXXXV.

MARY OSBORN
daughter of
M^{r}. JOHN & M^{rs}.
JERUSHA OSBORN
died July 14th 1792
aged 7 years &
3 months.
(F. S.)

LXXXVI.

SARAH ELIOT
Daughter of
ANDREW and MARY
ELIOT.
Died May 8th 1794
In her 12th Year.

Our God! how faithful are his Ways.
His Love endures the Same.
Nor from the promise of his Grace
Blots out our Children's name.

LXXXVII.

In Memory of
The Rev^{d}. ANDREW ELIOT
A. M.
Born at BOSTON, MASS.
Jany. 11th. 1743;
Ordained Pastor of the first
Church of CHRIST in
FAIRFIELD. June 22^{d}. 1774,
in which station, he served
God with fidelity until
Sept 26th. 1805;
when he rested from his labors
in the 63^{d}. year of his age,
and 32^{d}. of his ministry.
They that be wise shall shine as
the brightness of the firmament: and
they that turn many to righteousness
as the stars forever and ever.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—Rev. Mr. Eliot suffered in common with the citizens of Fairfield, during the Conflagration in 1779. He resided on Holland Hill previous to his owning the house in possession of Mrs. Henry Burr. He was a ripe scholar, a prudent, faithful and beloved pastor. When the Congregation advised him to seek more prosperous fields of labor, this one being crippled in its finances and demoralized through its great losses, he showed himself in all the nobleness of a man by saying: "I've been with you in your prosperity, and I'll stay by you in your adversity." He left one son, Andrew, who was the beloved pastor of the Congregational church in New Milford, Ct. for several years; and five daughters, Eunice who married a Mr. Bibbins; Ruth, Dr. Wm. B. Nash, late of Bridgeport; Elizabeth, Gershom Burr, Brig. General of the militia from 1816 to 1824: Mary, a Mr. Joy; and Susan became the wife of Rev. Nath'l Hewit, D.D. The records left in Mr. Eliot's writing of the scenes he witnessed are valuable additions to Fairfield and Revolutionary history.

LXXXVIII.

In Memory of
MARY ELIOT,
Relict of the late
Rev^{d}. ANDREW ELIOT
and Daughter of the
Honble. JOSEPH PYNCHON
of BOSTON,
and MARY his Wife.
She was born at
BROOKFIELD, MASS.,
was married July 19th.
1774,
and died Decem^{r}. 10th.
1810,
in the 62^{d}. year of her age.
Her flesh rests in hope.
(F. S.)

LXXXIX.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Lieu ELEAZER OSBORN
who departed this Life
May 20th. 1788;
In the 73rd Year
of his Age.
(F. S.)

XC.

In
Memory of
Hannah Wife of
Eleazer Osborn,
who died
Nov. 19. 1812,
aged 93 years.
(W. M.)

XCI.

In
memory of
MARY BEERS,
only child of
David B. &
Polly Perry,
who died
Sept 19, 1824,
aged 13 years, 10
months & 4 days.
(W. M.)

XCII.

In
memory of
Samuel Osborn
who died
Aug. 16, 1829
aged 28 years.
(W. M.)

Note.—This stone is so broken that the inscription was obtained with difficulty.

XCIII.

Sons of Sturges
& Nancy Thorp.
GEORGE
died July 30, 1830,
aged 20 years.
STURGES
died Aug. 14, 1829.
aged 4 years.
FRANCIS J.
died April 16, 1818.
aged 6 months.
(W. M.)

XCIV.

HARIET
daughter of
Sturges & Nancy
Thorp
died Sept 28. 1815
Æ 13 months.
(W. M.)

XCV.

ELEANOR B.
daughter of
Burr &
Abigail Lyon
died
Nov 18. 1823
aged 1 year.
(W. M.)

Note.—Others of the Lyon family lie in Fairfield East Burial Ground. Many of the Lyons lie in Greenfield.

XCVI.

In
memory of
Ebenezer Burr,
who died
Jan. 5, 1823,
in his 85, year.
(W. M.)

XCVII.

In Memory of
Mrs. EUNICE BURR
Relict of
THADEUS BURR Esq.
who died August 14th
1805
in the 76th year
of her age.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—Mrs. Eunice Burr was a beautiful and accomplished daughter of James Dennie, Esq. (See Tablets Nos. LXXV and LXXVI.) At the time of the conflagration in 1779, Mrs. Burr's residence occupied the site of O. W. Jones, Esq., which she determined to save by her personal efforts, that proved of no avail, as the mansion was sentenced to the flames and speedily set on fire She appealed to Gov. Tryon for protection both for herself and property, which was refused, and in consequence their house well filled with every thing which contributes to comfort or elegance, was laid in ashes. When the house was to be rebuilt, John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, presented the frame, his own being the model after which this structure was made; the latter has since undergone some changes.

XCVIII.

In Memory of
THADEUS BURR
Esquire
who died Feby. 19th
1801
aged 65 years.

NOTE.—Thaddeus Burr was a son of Thaddeus and grandson of Judge Peter Burr. (See No. LXXIV.) His mother was Abigail daughter of Jonathan Sturges, Esq. He graduated from Yale in 1755, and subsequently filled various offices: Deputy of the General Court for several Sessions, Justice of the Peace for several years, and High Sheriff of the County, which position he held when his house was consumed in the general conflagration in 1779. (See XCVII.) He early espoused the cause of the Colonies against the King, and in 1775 was a member of the Town Committee of war. His was a princely hospitality. Washington was his frequent guest, as were Franklin, Lafayette, Otis, Quincy, Dr. Dwight, Trumbull and Copley. At his house Governor Hancock was married in state to Miss Dorothy Quincy, of Boston: Madam Hancock (See No. LI.) died here; and Aaron Burr spent many of his youthful days on this historic ground.

XCIX.

H. & W.

Here lies buried the Body of
M^rs^. ABIGAIL HALL,
wife of Lyman HALL, M: A:
Daughter of THADDEUS BURR Esqr.,
died July 8th. 1753 Aged 24 Years.

Modest, yet free, with innocence adorned;
To please and win, by Art and Nature formed;
Benevolent and wife, in Virtue firm;
Conftant in Friendfhip, in Religion warm;
A partner tender, unaffected, kind;
A lovely Form, with a more lovely mind,—
The Scene of Life, tho' fhort sh' improved fo well,
No Charms in human forms could more excel;
Christ's Life her copy; His pure law her Guide;
Each part She acted, perfected, and dy'd.

NOTE.—Lyman Hall was one of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. He probably married again, and was buried in Georgia where he was Governor in 1783. The Mrs. Hall commemorated here was the grandaughter of Judge Peter Burr. (See No. 74.)

C.

F. & W.

HERE LYES Y^E^ BODY
OF SARAH BURR
THE DAUGHTER OF
PETER BURR, ESQ^R^.,
AGED ABOUT 16 YEARS
DECEM^R^ ye 2
1 7 2 3 .
(B. S.)

NOTE.—This inscription is nearly obliterated, and is deciphered with difficulty.

CI.

H. & W.
Here lies the
Body of Peter
Burr son to M^{r}
Thad^{s} & M^{rs}. Abi
gail Burr, died
Septr. ye 13th 1745
in ye 15th Year of
his Age.

(F. S.)

Note.—This is a very handsome stone and deserves a photograph.

CII.

H. & W.
This Monument
is put up in Memory
of M^{r}. Gershom Burr
Son of Thaddeus Burr Esqr.,
who was born
the 10th of June 1744;
and died
the 12th of March 1774,
in the 30th Year of his Age.

(B. S.)

CIII.

In
Memory of
Thaddeus Burr,
Son of Gershom &
Susanna Burr,
who died
July 15, 1811:
aged 21 years.

(W. M.)

CIV.

JOSEPH A. BURR
son of Gershom &
Elizabeth Burr;
died Jan 18. 1814,
aged 2 years.
(W. M.)

CV.

H. & W.
Here lyes buried y^e
Body of M^rs ANN BURR
Relict of M^r. GERSHOM
BURR Who Departed
this Life Sep^t 27th A. D. 1747.
in ye 47th Year of her Age.
(B. S.)

CVI.

The Corruptible of
JAMES DENNIE SAYRE,
Son of JAMES SAYRE
Minister of the Gospel, &
SARAH his Wife, who fell
afleep on the 25th Day of
May A. D. 1793, Aged
almoft 17 Years.
Young man! truft not
thy Youth, Health or Strength;
Truft in the Lord with all thy
Heart & remember thy Creator, who is
alfo thy Redeemer.

NOTE.—Altho' Scarlet Fever was then little known, this young man was a victim.

CVII.

Rev^{d}. JAMES SAYRE
departed this Life
Feby. 18th 1798,
Æt 53.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—This Rev. Mr. Sayre was an able and sincere divine, who was the Episcopal Clergyman at the time of the Conflagration; he vainly tried to stay the destructive hand of Gen. Tryon, his countryman; he preserved much of the property of others through his influence, though his own shared the general fate of being consumed by the flames. He married Sarah Dennie, daughter of James Dennie, Esq., of Fairfield, and sister of Mrs. Eunice Burr. (See No. XCVII). Of his daughters, Jane married Uriah Bulkeley, who died in 1874; Eunice married Frederick Girond; Esther, Moses Judah; the two latter gentlemen were from New York.

CVIII.

Mifs ELIZABETH SAYRE,
Daughter of
Revd JAMES & M^{rs}. SARAH
SAYRE,
departed this Life
Feby. 27th. 1798,
Æt 18.
(F. S.)

CIX.

In
Memory of
HEZEKIAH NICHOLS
who died
March 19. 1819
aged 75 years.
(W. M.)

CX.

ANN NICHOLS
Wife of
HEZEKIAH NICHOLS
died March 13th 1793;
In the 48th. Year
of her Age.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—Most of their descendants are buried in the East Ground.

CXI.

JOHN,
Son of
Samuel A. &
Wilsana Nichols,
died Sept. 30. 1828
aged 2 years.

Alas! how changed that flow'r
Which bloom'd and cheer'd my heart
Fair fleeting comfort of an hour
How soon we're called to part.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—The name of Nichols is of early date in Fairfield, and has been associated with men of prominence, who have been patriotic and faithful in their labors both in Church and State. Probably two or three generations of them lie unmarked by stone or monumental shaft in this ground. Many of the Nichols lie in Greenfield ground. Other members of this family lie in the East burying ground. Samuel A. Nichols was the Town Clerk for 26 consecutive years, also Selectman and Deacon in the Cong. Church for 24 years. He married Wilsana, daughter of Capt. Wilson Wheeler, (See CCCCXXXI). He and other members of his family lie in the East ground.

CXII.

H. & W.
In Memory of
HANNAH PENFIELD Daur of
Mr. SAMUEL & Mrs. ELIZABETH
PENFIELD. who was born
Decr. ye 28th. 1761 & departed
this life April ye 8th. 1762.
(B. S.)

CXIII.

H. & W:
Here lies
Buried the Body of MARY
Daughter of M^{r}. PETER & M^{rs}
MARY Penfield who departed
this Life July the 16th
A: D: 1753 In ye 22^{d}.
year of her
Age.
(B. S.)

CXIV.

In
Memory of
Lieut GIDEON HAWLEY.
who died
April 11th 1784:
Aged years.
GIDEON Son of
Gideon & Hannah Hawley
died Jan. 6th. 1788:
Aged 3 years. & 6 months.
"Death like an overflowing stream,
Sweeps us away, our life's a dream;
An empty tail; a morning flower;
Cut down and wither'd in an hour."
(W. M.)

CXV.

In
Memory of
MR SAMUEL PENFIELD
who died April 2. 1811:
Aged 77 Years.
& M^{RS} ELIZABETH
his wife
died Jan 31. 1786.
Aged 49 Years.
(W. M.)

CXVI.

U. S. & D.
In
Memory of
Abigail, wife of
James Knap,
who died June 11, 1804
aged 33 years & 6 months.

——:o:——

Also Squire, Son of
James & Abigail Knap
who died Nov 11. 1819
aged 27 years.

(W. M.)

CXVII.

SUSANNA HULL
Daughter of
DAVID & SUSANNA
HULL
died Feb^{ry} 9th 1796
In her 2^{d} Year.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—This was one of Dr. David Hull's daughters; her parents lie in the Fairfield East Burying Ground. She has two sisters now living in Fairfield.

CXVIII.

W. P. (in monogram.)
This Monument is erected
by M^{rs}. MOLLY PIKE
to Commemorate her Husband
Mr WILLIAM PIKE
who died April 1st.
1806.
in the 55th. year
of his age.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—Mrs. Molly Pike was a daughter of Capt. Eliphalet Thorp, who died in 1795 with the yellow fever. She married (1) Jonathan Darrow, who was taken prisoner by the British, and died on their prison ship. She married (2) William Pike, who was Lieutenant, under George Washington. They were the parents of fifteen children, one of whom, Capt. Robert Pike died on Barnegat Beach after humanely preserving the lives of his crew from shipwreck in a terrible gale, Dec. 6th, 1830. His was the first body interred in Fairfield West or Mill Plain Ground. Mrs. Molly Pike lies there also.

CXIX.

In
Memory of
Mrs ABIGAIL BEERS
wife of
Mr. Nathan Beers
who died Sept. 12. 1815.
aged 90 years.
(W. M.)

CXX.

In
Memory of
Nathan Beers
who died
Jan. 22. 1813.
aged 78 years.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—This Nathan Beers built a "Colonial House," which stands on Mill Plain and is now owned by Abraham Gould.

CXXI.

H. & W.
The Reader
is hereby informed,
that the Body of
THADDEUS BURR,
Son of Mr Gershom Burr
is Buried here,
He was born
the 14th of Febry 1767.
and Died
the 9th. of Octr. 1776.
in the 10th. Year
of his Age.
(B. S.)

CXXII.

In
Memory of
SUSAN,
wife of
Nathaniel S. Bibbins
who died
Nov 16, 1814;
in the 34th year
of her age.
(W. M.)

CXXIII.

In
Memory
of
MR. HEATHCOAT MUIRSON,
who departed this life
Nov 6th 1810;
Aged 29 Years.
(W. M.)

CXXIV.

JERUSHA
TALCOT
daughter of
Joseph &
Eleanor Osborn,
died Sept 5, 1824.
aged 2 y's. 10 mo.
& 17 days.
(W. M.)

CXXV.

MARY FRANCES
daughter of
Jonathan &
Miranda Bulkley;
died Sept. 7. 1812:
aged 16 months.

(W. M.)

CXXVI.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Capt. ELIPHALET THORP
who departed this Life
Sepr. 1f^{t}. 1795
in the 56th. Year
of his Age.

(F. S.)

CXXVII.

Star.
In Memory of
Mrs. Eunice Thorp
wife to Capt. Eliphelet
Thorp. who Died
July ye 4th, 1780.
in the 38th year of
her age.

(B. S.)

CXXVIII.

U. & S.
In
Memory of
MRS RUAMAH
wife of
Mr Walter Thorp
who died Aug^ust 29. 1816
In the 44th year of
her age.
O empty name of earthly bliss
'Tis all an airy dream.
(W. M.)

CXXIX.

U. & S.
In
memory of
WALTER THORP Esq.,
who died
Oct 21, 1837,
aged 67 years.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—The Thorps were of maritime tastes, taking their vessels to all ports open to American commerce. Many are the beautiful articles which they collected on their trips to grace Fairfield homes. They were very estimable men as well as worthy sea captains.

CXXX.

U. & S.
In
memory of
WALTER THORP
who died
Sept 24. 1818:
in the 5, year
of his age.

Also
GEORGE THORP
who died in
North Carolina
Sept. 10. 1817:
in the 22, year of his age,
Sons of Walter &
Ruamah Thorp.
(W. M.)

CXXXI.

In
Memory of
David Osborn
who died
April 8. 1813,
in the 70, year
of his age.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—David Osborn died with the typhus fever, an epidemic at that period. He built the "Colonial house" west of Mill Plain public school building. His son Hezekiah built the house occupied by Mrs. Burr Clemons. His son David, the one opposite the school house, at the north east and kept a store with his father on the corner of his father's premises. The sons Daniel and David lie in this ground, but Hezekiah removed to Yerona, N. Y., where he and his wife Nancy *Perry* Osborn died, but his children moved to Kansas.

CXXXII.

MARY OSBORN
wife of
David Osborn
died March 13. 1813
Aged 66.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—Mary Osborn was the daughter of Samuel Beers. (See CLXXIV.)

CXXXIII.

In
Memory of
MR DAVID OSBORN
who died
Oct 28. 1815:
in the 35, year
of his age.
(W. M.)

CXXXIV.

In
Memory of
DAVID OSBORN
Son of George and
Sarah W. Osborn
who died
August 19th. 1824.
Aged 10 Months
and 28 days.
(W. M.)

CXXXV.

ELIZA OSBORN
widow of
Benjamin Osborn
died
March 29. 1834.
(W. M.)

CXXXVI.

In
memory of
BENJAMIN OSBORN
who died
Dec. 19, 1830,
aged 33 years.
(W. M.)

CXXXVII.

In
memory of
DAVID B. STURGES
who died
in Charleston S. C of
the quick Consumption
Oct. 28, 1830,
aged 25 years.
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

CXXXVIII.

In
memory of
NANCY D. STURGES,
daughter of
Capt. David and
Thankful Sturges,
who died
March 7, 1828,
aged 25 years.
(W. M.)

CXXXIX.

Charles
son of
Capt. David &
Elizabeth Sturges
died Dec. 26. 1830,
aged 13 months.

Sad was the hour that summoned thee away
Deep was the grief that wrung a parent's heart
But He who gave forbade thy longer stay;
Too pure, too bright, too beautiful for earth.
(W. M.)

CXL.

In
menory of
CAPT. DAVID STURGES
who died
June 6, 1832.
aged 62 years.
(W. M.)

CXLI.

In
memory of
Thankful wife of
David Sturges
who died
July 26, 1824,
Aged 51 years.

(W. M.)

CXLII.

In Memory of
Mr. HOWES OSBORN
who died Augt. 29th.
1807
aged 85 years.

(F. S.)

CXLIII.

In Memory of
Mrs. MARY OSBORN
Relict of
Mr. HOWES OSBORN
who died Novr. 25th.
1812
aged 81 years.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—Howes Osborn left a "Colonial House," heired from his father John Osborn, in Southport, now owned by Charles Rockwell. The King's Highway was past his door; and there Gen. Washington was entertained. Probably the Osborns originated from that vicinity—their "Long Lot" is said to extend from there.

CXLIV.

In this fpot
Are deposited the remains of
WILLIAM PITT BEERS.
(Late of Albany in the State of New York)
Called to the Tomb
in the meridian of life and of ufefulness,
his memory will be cherished
in the affections of a bereaved family
and a numerous circle of
relatives and friends.
He died 13th. Septr. 1810,
Aged 44 Years.
(W. M.)

CXLV.

In
memory of
MISS HANNAH OSBORN
who died
Aug. 24, 1828,
aged 80 years.
(W. M.)

CXLVI.

In
memory of
MISS ELLEN OSBORN
who died
Feb. 9, 1828,
aged 73 years.
(W. M.)

CXLVII.

In
memory of
CATHARINE,
daughter of
Daniel B &
Sally Osborne
who died
Dec. 3, 1841,
aged 36 years.
(W. M.)

CXLVIII.

In
memory of
SALLY OSBORN,
WIFE OF
Daniel B. Osborn
who died
Sept. 26. 1826.
aged 46 years.
(W. M.)

CXLIX.

In
memory of
Danl. Beers Osborn
who died
Dec. 15, 1823,
in his 45,
year.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—Son of No. CXXXI.

CL.

In
memory of
Mehetabel, wife of
Nathan Beers,
who died
May 9, 1824;
aged 71 years,
1 mo. & 13 da's.

Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord.

(W. M.)

Note.—Mehetabel was a daughter of Nathaniel Perry and grand daughter of CXCIV.

CLI.

In
memory of
NATHAN BEERS
who died
Dec. 15, 1835,
aged 78 years.
(W. M.)

Note.—He is remembered to have led the Jurymen to the Court room, being the Town Constable when the County Courts were held in Fairfield—He was County Surveyor, and a man devoted to public life.

CLII.

In
Memory of
Mrs Abigail, Relict of
Mr John Whitear;
who died
Octr. 5, 1813,
Æ 71.
(W, M.)

CLIII.

H. & W.

In Memory of
Mr. JOHN WHITEAR
Who departed this life
August ye 26. 1773 in ye
35th Year of His Age
Blessed are the dead who
die in the Lord.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—This John Whitear was a clock maker; one of his make (an eight day clock) bearing his name was made for Peter Perry in 1762 and is in good running order up to date, (1881). His family resided in Black Rock.

CLIV.

H. & W.

HERE LYES ye BODY
JOSEPH PHIPPENE
AGED ABOUT 26
YEARS DIED ye 10
of JULY 1712.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—The style of this stone renders it a curiosity.

CLV.

W. & U.

In
Memory of
Elihu Bulkley,
who died
Oct. 15, 1821,
aged 17 years.

(W. M.)

CLVI.

In
Memory of
ABBY B daughter of
Stephen &
Sally Morehouse
who died
July 14, 1829,
aged 13 years:
& 7 months.
Remember thy Creator in the days
of thy youth.
(W. M.)

CLVII.

SALLY BIBBINS,
WIDOW OF
STEPHEN MOREHOUSE
Died Nov. 23, 1865,
Æ 80 Y'rs & 1 Mo.

CLVIII.

In
memory of
STEPHEN MOREHOUSE
who was drowned
Oct. 28. 1817,
Æ. 30 Y'rs, & 6 Mo.

Behold and see as you pass by
As you are now so once was I,
As I am now, so you must be
Prepare for death & follow me.
(W. M.)

CLIX.

In Memory of
Deacon
MOSES JENNINGS
who died March 26th.
1813
in the 80th. year
of his age.
(F. S.)

CLX.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Mrs. ABIGAIL JENNINGS
Wife of
Mr. MOSES JENNINGS
who departed this Life
Apr 18th. 1794.
In the 58th. Year
of her Age.
(F. S.)

CLXI.

In
memory of
Mr. Stephen Osborn
who died
Oct. 28, 1822;
in his 84 year.

CLXII.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of
Col° ANDREW BURR
Who departed this Life
Nov^br ye 9th A. D. 1763 in y^e
68th Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

NOTE.—He was a Lawyer, Assistant and Magistrate of the Colony, Speaker of the House often, and influential in the Councils. His military services were many and varied. He led a regiment successfully against the fortress of Louisburg on the island of Cape Breton, which was one of the most brilliant of the Colonial exploits.

CLXIII.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried y^e
Body of M^rs. SARAH
BURR. Wife to Coll°.
ANDREW BURR, Who
Departed this Life
Decem^br 9th Anno Dom^ni 1745
Aged 45 Years wanting 13 D's.
(B. S.)

NOTE.—She was the daughter of Jonathan Sturgis and the mother of 13 children.

CLXIV.

H. & W.
To the Memory of
M^rs. Sarah Burr
Second Confort of
Col. ANDREW BUR^R
who departed this
Life 29th Auguft
A. D. 1769 in the 61ft
Year of her Age.
(F. S.)

CLXV.

H. & W.
In
Memory of
DAVID BURR Esqr.
who departed this
Life Decr 3^{d}. A. D. 1773
in the 52^{d} Year of
his Age.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—He was a lawyer and held several offices under the government. He graduated at Yale, 1743.

CLXVI.

E. B. (Monogram.)
This monument is erected
in memory of
M^{rs}. EUNICE BURR
Relict of
Col^{o}. DAVID BURR
who died Decem^{r}. 1st.
1789
aged 63 years.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—She was daughter of Samuel Osborn.

CLXVII.

U. & D.
In
Memory of
JULIA ANNA BURR
only Child of
Col. David &
Sarah Ann Burr:
born May 1. 1800,
& died Feb. 5. 1819:
in the 19, year
of her age.

And though our Julia's body lies
In the cold prison of the tomb;
Her Soul we trust above the skies,
Has found in Heaven a happier home.

(W. M.)

CLXVIII.

In Memory of
SARAH ANNA BURR
Relict of
DAVID BURR Esqr.,
who died
May 4. 1842,
Æ 80.
(W. M.)

CLXIX.

U. & W.
In
memory of
DAVID BURR Esq.,
who officiated as clerk
of the County Court
for 46 years & died
suddenly at Danbury
on the 18, day
of Feb. 1825;
aged 67.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—He was spoken of as a man of fine presence and commanding dignity. He was found dead in his bed.

CLXX.

In
Memory of
THANKFUL wife of
Samuel Beers.
who died
April 13– 1812
aged 87 years.
(W. M.)

CLXXI.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Mr. Samuel Beers
who departed this Life
March 11th 1793
Aged 74 Years, 9 months
& 19 days.
(F. S.)

CLXXII.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of Lieut.
James Bears
Who departed this life
April the 29th 1772 in ye
79th Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

Note —James Beers of Fairfield, first mentioned as a land holder April 27, 1659. He was probably brother of Richard Beers of Watertown, Mass., and of Anthony Beers of Stratford, Ct. He left two sons: James died in 1691: Joseph in 1696; and three daughters. This James was the son of Joseph Beers and grandson of the first Beers settler in Fairfield. The name of Beers is associated for generations with thrift, enterprise and public service which has always been well rendered and appreciated.

CLXXIII.

Urn.
In memory of
SARAH BULKLEY
the third wife of
Capt. Andrew Bulkley.
formerly the wife of
Capt. Samuel Beers.
who departed this
life Aug. 5, 1828;
aged 81 years.
(W. M.)

CLXXIV.

In
Memory
CAPT. SAMUEL BEERS,
who died
Sept. 1. 1813
Æ 69.
(W. M.)

CLXXV.

H. & W.
In Memory of
DANIEL BEERS
son of
Mr SAMUEL & Mrs
THANKFUL BEERS
who died Octo 31st
1777
Aged 23 Years 3
months & 9 days.
(F. S.)

CLXXVI.

W. & U.
In
memory of
SAMUEL BEERS
who died
Aug. 1. 1832
aged 52 years.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—Samuel Beers was a victim of cholera when it was an epidemic in this country. He was a county official—and the ancestor of the author of "Rebuilding the Tombs" found in this book.

CLXXVII.

In
memory of
ANN MOREHOUSE
wife of
William Morehouse,
who died
May 13, 1843,
aged 86 y'rs & 5 m.

(W. M.)

CLXXVIII.

In
memory of
WILLIAM MOREHOUSE
who died
Dec. 25, 1824;
aged 75 years.

Why do we mourn departing friends
Or shake at death's alarms;
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends
To call them to his arms.

(W. M.)

CLXXIX.

The Remains of
Mifs EULALIA BARTRAM
Daughter of
Mr. JOSEPH BARTRAM
who died May 1st 1777.
in her 20th Year.
As I am now fo you must be
Prepare for Death & follow me:

(F. S.)

CLXXX.

H. & W.

Here lies the Body of THOMAS, Son
to Mr. EBENEZER & Mrs MARY BERTRAM,
he was Born February 22d A. D. 1764 & Died
July 28th. A. D. 1764, Aged 5 Months & 6 Days.

Happy the Babe who privileged by Fate.
To Shorter Labour and a Lighter weight.
Receiv'd but yefterday the Gift of Breath
Order'd to morrow to Return to Death.

——:o:——

Since all the downward Tracts of Time
God's Watchful Eye Surveys
O' who So wife to Choofe our lot
And Regulate our ways.

——:o:——

Since none Can doubt his Equal Love
Unmeafurably kind.
To his unerring gracious will
Be Ev'ry wish Refigned.

——:o:——

Good when He gives Supremely Good
Nor Lefs when He denies
Even Crosfes from his Sovereign hand
Are Blesfings in Difguife.

(B. S.)

CLXXXI.

Capt
EBENEZER BARTRAM
died Jany. 3d. 1783.
in the 52d. year
of his age.
Capt. JOSEPH BARTRAM
his Son was lost at sea
on his return from the
West Indies Decr
1787 in the 28th. year
of his age.
(F. S.)

CLXXXII.

Mrs. MARY BARTRAM
Widow of
Capt.
EBENEZER BARTRAM
died March 15th.
1806.
in the 75th. year
of her age.
(F. S.)

CLXXXIII.

H. & W.
Here Lyes the Body of Mr
SAMUEL BURR. Master of Arts.
Was Born in this Town of Fairfield
April 2nd in ye Year 1679, was Educated
at Harvard College in Cambridge
under ye Famous Mr Wm Brattle and
Thare He Was Graduated, ye first time
in ye Year 1697, ye Second time in ye Year
1700 ut Moris eft. Who after he had
Sarved his generation by ye will of
God in ye Ufeful Station of a Grammar
School Mafter; at Charlestown about
Twelve Years, upon a Visit to this
His Native Place. Departed this
Life Auguft 7th in ye Year 1719
Aged 40 Years, 4 Months & 5 Days.
(B. S.)

NOTE.—Samuel Burr was a famous teacher in his time, This stone is a curiosity, both in the lettering and in the manner it is wrought.

CLXXXIV.

H. & W.
HERE LYES BURIED y^e
DY of LUCRETIA
BURR DAU^t. TO ANDREW
BURR ESQ^r. & SARAH
HIS WIFE. AGED 13
YEARS. 6 M & 7D^s
DIED NOV ye 29. 1741.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—Part of the second line is entirely destroyed.

CLXXXV.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Mr JOHN WHITEHEAD.
who died May 15th
A. D. 1790:
In the 74th Year
of his age.

(F. S.)

CLXXXVI.

In memory of two
daughter of Andrew
& Mehetable Jennings
HETTY CORNELIA
Born Feb. 11, 1817 &
died Dec. 29, 1821,
aged 4 y'rs, 10 mo's, 18 da's.
HETTY CORNELIA,
Born Dec. 29, 1823 &
died Aug. 14, 1824,
aged 7 mo's & 16 da's.

Sleep on dear babes
And take your rest;
God called you home,
He thought it best.

(W. M.)

CLXXXVII.

In
memory of
MRS ELIZABETH wife of
Mr. Jeremiah Jennings.
who died Aug. 27. 1819;
aged 80 years.
(W. M.)

CLXXXVIII.

In
memory of
JEREMIAH JENNINGS.
who died
Oct 3, 1828,
aged 89 years.

CLXXXIX.

Urn.
REBECCA HOYT
daughter of
Samuel &
Hannah Beers
died Sept. 10. 1826;
aged 2 years,
& 2 months.

This lovely bud tho' young & fair
Called hence by early doom;
Just come to show how sweet a flow'r
In Paradise would bloom.

(W. M.)

CXC.

The
Reader is Inform'd that
Mrs Rebecca Bartram
Consort of
Mr Joseph Bartram
died June 15th 1776.
Aged 51.

(F. S.)

CXCI.

H. & W.
MEMEMTO MORI.
Here lyes ye Body of
Mr Joseph Bartram
He was Born February
ye 21st O. S. 1728-9 and Died
March ye 28th. N. S. 1759,
Aged 30 Years & 24 Days.

Princes this Clay must be your bed
in spite of all your towers
the tall, the wife, the Reverend head
muft lie as low as ours.

CXCII.

H. & W.
Here lyes ye Body of
Mrs. Elizabeth Bartram
wife of Mr.
Ebenezer Bartram
Who departed this Life
Decemr. the 5th 1769 in ye
69th Year of Her Age.

(B. S.)

HERE HAS BURIED
THE BODY OF
JOSEPH PIERCE
WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE AUGUST
IN THE 77 YEAR
OF HIS AGE

CXCIII.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried
the Body of
Mr. Ebenezer Bartram
who departed this Life
Decr the 7th 1769
In ye 71st Year of his Age.

(B. S.)

CXCIV.

(B. S.)

Note.—Joseph Perry,—a fac-simile of whose head stone is given on opposite page,—was the son of Nathaniel Perry who died in 1681, and grandson of Richard Perry who died in 1657 or 8; the bodies of both, probably were placed in this ground. Joseph Perry married three times: (1) Sarah, daughter of John Bulkley; (2) Deborah. widow of Joseph Whelpley, and daughter of Daniel Burr I of Fairfield; (3) Mary, daughter of Michael Clugstone and granddaughter of the Rev. Sam'l Wakeman. The last wife afterwards married (2) Thomas Edwards. The first two wives probably occupy the vacant unmarked places near their husband. Joseph Perry bought the present site of Perry's Mill and built the dam in its present place, in 1705. This property was purchased from the town and has continued in the family ever since. He had other grants from the town, and was an important personage. The house in which he dwelt early in the eighteenth Century is still preserved, and is doubtless the oldest structure in Fairfield.

CXCV.

H. & W.

This Monument Informs
the Reader that here lies
buried the Body of
Sarah Burr, Daughter
of Colo David Burr
who was born April 21st
1766 and departed this
Life June 2d 1787.

(F. S.)

CXCVI.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of Mr.
EBENEZER JENNINGS
the Hufband of Mrs.
REBECKAH JENNINGS who
died April 9th. 1768 in ye
76th Year of his Age.
(B. S.)

CXCVII.

H. & W.
Mrs REBECCA JENNINGS
Consort of
Mr. Ebenezer Jennings
who departed this Life
Janry 2d 1790.
In the 85th Year of
her Age.
(F. S.)

CXCVIII.

In memory of
David Bulkley
who died Nov 5. 1819:
aged 12 y. 2m. & 17 d.
Also Cornelius Bulkley
who died Dec 5. 1819:
aged 6 mo.
Sons of Isaac &
Mahetabel Bulkley.
(W. M.)

CXCIX.

In
Memory of
WARD son of
Isaac &
Mahetabel Bulkley:
who died Oct 30. 1819:
aged 16 y. 2 m. & 28 ds.
(W. M.)

CC.

H. & W.
JONATHAN STURGES,
ye SON OF PETER
STURGES AGED 13
YEARS DEC^D APRIL
ye 10. 1727.
(B. S.)

NOTE.—This is a very small stone, corresponding with those of that period.

CCI.

In Memory of M^r. CHARLES BURR
who died March 15th 1800 aged
58 years. Also M^rs. ELIZABETH his
Wife died July 10th. 1813 aged 69 years.
The age and death of their Children;
MABEL BURR died 1778 aged 9 years.
STURGES BURR died July 4th 1796.
aged 29 years.
AARON BURR died August 1798.
aged 26 years.
DAVID BURR died October 10th. 1803.
aged 22 years.
WAKEMAN BURR died August 4th. 1812
aged 36 years.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—Sturges and Wakeman Burr were sea captains.

CCII.

In
memory of
MAHETABEL BURR
who died
Dec. 1. 1849
Aged 71 y'rs.
& 6 mo.
(W. M.)

CCIII.

H. & W.
Mrs. ABBY BURR
Wife of
Mr. SAMUEL BURR
& Daughter of
Mr. MOSES JENNINGS.
died June 13th. 1790
aged 28 years
& 11 months.
(F. S.)

CCIV.

In
Memory of
MISS HANNAH BURR
who died
Nov 24, 1819.
in the 52 *year*
of her age.

Death is a debt to nature due
Which I have paid and so must you.
(W. M.)

CCV.

In

memory of

DANIEL BURR

who died

Aug. 8. 1843,

aged 71 y'rs.

(W. M.)

CCVI.

In

Memory of

Mrs Sarah Perry

wife of

Mr Peter Perry,

who died

April 6. 1821;

aged 73 years.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Mrs. Sarah Perry was the daughter of Ebenezer (born 1723) and Sarah *Hull* Bradley—and a lineal descendant of Francis Bradley, who, a soldier under Gen. Mason in the Pequot war, located in Southport, in the locality of the present tide mill. Probably his body was one of the first in this ground. His descendants are numerous in Greenfield.

CCVII.

SACRED
to
the Memory of
PETER PERRY
born Feb^{ry} 4th. 1739.
& died Septr. 16th. 1804,
Æ 66 Years.

Also his four children
SETH, born Decr. 26th. 1773, &
died Octr. 5th. 1777.
Æ 4 Years.

DAVID, born Decr. 26th. 1773, &
died in Williamston N. C.
Novr. 12th. 1800. Æ 27 Years.

EUNICE, born Jan^{ry} 24th. 1782,
& died in Savannah
Octr. 9th. 1802 Æ 19 Years.

BRADLEY born Decr. 24th. 1783
& died Decr. 11th. 1785,
Æ 2 Years.

To Commemorate her Husband &
Children this Stone is Erected by
SARAH PERRY
May 1st 1805.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—By the Family record, Seth was born Jan. 12, 1772. Peter Perry was son of Joseph Perry, (See No. CCVIII). Peter was a Miller, Merchant and a large Real Estate owner; a Christian gentleman of ability and integrity.—Eleven of his fifteen children matured and were scattered through the United States, thrifty and prosperous.

CCVIII.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of
Mr Joseph Perry
Who Departed this Life
Aug. 20th Anno Dom. 1753
in ye 40th Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

Note.—Joseph Perry Jr., was the Son of Joseph and Deborah Burr Perry, (See No. CXCIV.) and through this line the Perry estate has been inherited for several generations. Joseph Jr. married Sarah, daughter of Peter and Hannah *Ward* Bulkley. Mrs. Sarah Perry afterwards married Thomas Wheeler, of Greenfield, where she was buried having died April 21, 1789.

CCIX.

H. & W.
HERE LYES BURIED
THE BODY OF MRS. MARY
PERRY WIFE TO MR DANIEL
PERRY WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE, OCTOBER YE 31ST.
1742 in YE 22D YEAR
OF HER AGE.
(B. S.)

CCX.

H. & W.
HERE LYES INTER'D
THE BODY OF MRS.
Susanna Barlow
THE WIFE OF MR.
David Barlow
WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE OCTOBER THE 15TH.
1745 IN THE 19TH.
YEAR OF HER AGE.
(B. S.)

Note.—Barlow's Plains takes its name from this family.

CCXI.

H. & W.
Here lyes buried
ye Body of Lieu^t.
SAMUEL BARLOW
Who Departed this
Life May 20th. 1745, in y^e
63rd Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

CCXII.

U. & D.
E. S.

In memory of
ELIZABETH,
daughter of Joshua
& Elizabeth Stanger
who died Aug. 22th. 1825
aged 12 years,
6 months & 16
days.

Now in the heat of youthful blood.
Remember your Creator, God;
Behold the days come hastening on.
When you shall say My joys are gone.
(W. M.)

CCXIII.

MARY ANN
daughter of
Gersham &
Elizabeth Sturges
died July 26. 1871
aged 4 years.
(W. M.)

CCXIV.

JONATHAN L.
son of Gershom &
Elizabeth Sturges
died Feb. 12, 1817:
aged 2 years.
(W. M.)

CCXV.

S. S. (Monogram.)
In Memory of
Mr. Seth Sturges.
who died May 9th.
1804
aged 67 years &
9 months.
(F. S.)

CCXVI.

M. S. (Monogram.)
This Stone is erected
in memory of
Mrs. MARY STURGES
Relict of
Mr. Seth Sturges
who died Novr. 9th.
1810
in the 73d. year
of her age.
(F. S.)

CCXVII.

M. S. (Monogram.)
MARIETTA
Daughter of
Mr. JOSEPH and
Mrs. SARAH STURGES
died Octo. 10th. 1805
aged 1 year 2 months
& 10 days.
(F. S.)

CCXVIII.

W. & U.

In memory of
JOSIAH STURGES
son of Joseph
& Sarah Sturges
who died
Dec. 26, 1825,
in his 19 year.

My flesh shall slumber in the ground
Till the last trumpets joyful sound
Then burst the chains in sweet surprise
And in my Saviour's image rise.

(W. M.)

CCXIX.

In
Memory of
SETH STURGES
who died
March 20. 1811.
aged 44 years.
(W. M.)

CCXX.

In
memory of
GRISSIL wife of
Seth Sturges
who died
Feb 28. 1832.
aged 60.
(W, M.)

CCXXI.

In
memory of
Mary Burr wife of
Edward Bennett,
& Daughter of Seth
& Grisil Sturges,
who died May 13. 1822.
Aged 23 years
1 month &
2 days.
(W. M.)

CCXXII.

In
memory of
EDWARD BENNETT
who died
Aug 4, 1824.
In his 28 Year
(W. M.)

CCXXIII.

EMILA
daughter of James &
Charlott Perry.
died July 11. 1819:
aged 5 months.

NOTE.—Mrs. Charlott Perry, a daughter of William Pike (See No. CXVIII) was buried in Oak Lawn, in 1881, aged 87.

CCXXIV.

H. & W.
Here lyes buried
the Body of Mrs
JERUSHA BARTRAM
Confort of Mr.
JOB BARTRAM
who was born the 25th.
Day of December 1729
and departed this Life
the 24th Day of Novemr.
1773 aged 44 Years
wanting 43 Days.
(F. S.)

CCXXV.

H. & W.
Here lies
Buried the Body
of Mrs.
ABIGAIL BARTRAM
Consort of
Mr JOB BARTRAM
who was born the 5th.
of Sept. 1748 and
departed this Life
the 14th day of Janry. 1776
aged 27 Years & 4 mon
ths wanting 2 days.
(F. S.)

CCXXVI.

W. & U.
In
Memory of
Mr. JOB BARTRAM
who was drowned
Oct 28. 1817
aged 50 years & 6 months
Also of JANE daughter of
Mr Job & Mrs Ruth Bartram
died Oct 29. 1815,
aged 16 months.
Death like an overflowing stream,
Sweeps us away: our life's a dream:
An emty tale, a morning flower.
Cut down and wither'd in an hour.

NOTE.—Stephen Morehouse (See CLVIII) and Job Bartram were drowned together off Black Rock Harbor.

CCXXVII.

This
Monument is
erected by order of
WILLIAM BURR
in Commemoration of his
honored Father Ebenezer
Burr, Son of Samuel &
Elizabeth Burr late of
Fairfield Deceast. he was
born in the Year 173²
& died in the Year 1767
Aged 35 Years.

(F. S.)

(See CCCXLVII.)

CCXXVIII.

Underneath
this tomb lays the body
of Ebenezer Burr Son
of William & Eunice
Burr, who was born
Novr. 8th. 1783 and Died
April 8th. 1784 aged 6
months.

The parents Joy in life was lost
in death
To be found in Christ.

(F. S.)

CCXXIX.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of
M^r. Seth Burr
who departed this life
Decem^r. ye 22^d 1764.
Aged 39 Years.

(B. S.)

CCXXX.

H. & W.
Here lies Buried
the Body of Capt.
SETH SAMUEL BURR,
who departed this life
March ye 21st 1773 in y^{e}
79th Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

CCXXXI.

H. & W.
Here lyes buried the Body of
Mrs ELIZABETH BURR
wife to Capt. SAMUEL BURR,
who departed this Life
JUNE ye 16th. A. D. 1753.
in the 51st. Year of Her Age.

CCXXXII.

H. & W.
Here lies buried the body
of M^{rs}. MARY HILL wife
of THOMAS HILL Esq^{R}.
who departed this Life
December 19th. 1763.
Aged 69 Years
one month & 26 days.
(B. S.)

CCXXXIII.

In
Memory of
STURGES PERRY
son of
Peter & Sarah Perry
who died
June 28th. 1808:
in the 16th. year
of his age.

(W. M.)

CCXXXIV.

E. P. (Monogram.)

In Memory of
Mr. Ebenezer Perry
who died April 26th. 1804.
in the 67th. year of his age.
Also of
Mrs. Martha his Wife
who died Jany. 10th. 1814
in the 75th. year of her age.
And of
Ebenezer Perry their Son
who died July 19th. 1776.
aged 13 years.

Note.—Ebenezer Perry was a son of Joseph and Mary *Clugstone* Perry, (See No. CXCIV).

CCXXXV.

M. P. (Monogram.)

In Memory of
Mrs. Mabel Perry
Wife of Mr. Levi Perry
who died May 30th. 1813
in the 40th year of
her age. Also
Esther Perry their
Daughter died Octr. 3d.
1814 in the 13th. year
of her age.

Note.—Levi was the son of Ebenezer Perry, (See No. CCXXXIV.) His wife was Mabel Gould, of Greenfield.

CCXXXVI.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried y^e
Body of M^rs. ELIZABETH
BARLOW. Widow of Lieut
SAMUEL BARLOW
Who Departed this Life
Feb^r ye 10th Anno Dom^i
1752 in ye 66 Year
of Her Age.
(B. S.)

CCXXXVII.

Urn & Leaves.
In
memory of
ELIZABETH wife of
Gershom Sturges
who died
May 2 1817.
in the 33 year
of her age.
(W. M.)

CCXXXVIII.

In Memory of
M^rs. SARAH LEWIS
Wife of
M^r. LOTHROP LEWIS
who died July 9th.
1807
in the 39th. year of
her age.
SARAH ANN LEWIS
their Daughter
died Oct^o 21st 1805
aged 11 weeks.
(F. S.)

CCXXXIX.

Urn.
In
Memory of
LOTHROP LEWIS
who died
Nov 9, 1817;
aged 58 years
& 10 months.
(W. M.)

CCXL.

In Memory of
ABIGAIL JANE LEWIS
Daughter of
Mr LOTHROP & Mrs
SARAH LEWIS
who died Augt. 13th
1807
in the 12th year of
her age.
(F. S.)

CCXLI.

U. & W.
In
memory of
Mr Jonathan Lewis
who died
Dec 22 1819
aged 33 years
& 16 days.

NOTE.—Jonathan Lewis was a large real estate owner. The name was of excellent repute, but is nearly extinct in Fairfield.

CCXLII.

In
memory of
ELLEN BURR.
daughter of
Jonathan &
Ellen Lewis,
who died
Nov 1. 1831,
aged 12 years
& 4 mo.
(W. M.)

CCXLIII.

H. & W.
In Memory of
SAMUEL WARD BENEDICT
who died at Sea Jany. 12th.
1796 Aged 17 Years 7
months & 4 days. Also of
JESSE BENEDICT Junr.
who died Septr. 27th 1795.
Aged 11 days: only Sons of
JESSE & POLLY BENEDICT.

Death is a debt to Nature due
which we have paid & so must you.
(F. S.)

CCXLIV.

In
MEMORY
of
POLLY
Daughter of
Jefse & Polly Benedict
who departed this Life
Jan^{ry}. 22nd. 1802 in
the 20th. Year of her age.

Sweet is the sleep that here we take,
Till in Christ Jesus we awake;
Then shall our happy souls rejoice,
To hear our blessed Saviour's voice.
(W. M.)

CCXLV.

P. B. (Monogram.)
ERECTED
To the Memory of
Mrs. POLLY BENEDICT
late Wife of
Mr. JESSE BENEDICT
who died May 3d. 1808
in the 54th.year
of her age.

Death like an overflowing stream
Sweeps us away, our life's a dream.
(F. S.)

CCXLVI.

WAKEMAN BURR
died May 9, 1799
aged 56 years.
MARY, his wife
died Oct. 26, 1829.
aged 83 years.
Two sons of theirs
JUSTUS,
died Oct. 10, 1769.
aged 2 years & 8 months.
WAKEMAN
died Oct 26. 1785
aged 2 years.
(W. M.)

NOTE —Wakeman Burr was an Officer in the Revolutionary Army. His wife, Mary Davis was the first to discover the advance of the British in 1779 in Fairfield.

CCXLVII.

REBECCA
Daughter of
JUSTIN & DESIRE
HOBART
Died Oct 27. 1827
Æ 21 Y'rs.
(W. M.)

CCXLVIII.

In
memory of
JANE ANN
daughter of Justin &
Desire Hobart
who died Nov 6, 1815
in her 6, year.
(W. M.)

CCXLIX.

J. H. H. H.
Mr. JUSTIN HOBART
died April 7th 1809
aged 78 years & 2 mont.
Mrs. HANNAH HOBART
his Wife
died Jany. 7th.1809.
aged 71 years & 2 months.
JOHN SLOSS HOBART
their Son died in NEW YORK
Augt. 10th. 1803.
aged 22 years & 6 months.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—Justin Hobart built a "Colonial Home" in 1765. He was a native of Hingham, Mass., and married Hannah Penfield, of Fairfield. Divine service was held here after the Church was burnt in 1779. This house is now owned by Miss Hannah Hobart.

CCL.

In Memory
of Jerome an
Infant of Mr.
Justin & Mr.
Hannah Hobart
Died March
the 2 1768.
(B. S.)

CCLI.

Long Death Face & Wings.
Here lies Buried
the Body of
Mr. Nathaniel Wilson
who departed this Life
on the 8th Day of May
A. D 1 7 6 9
In the 80th Year
of his age.
(B. S.)

CCLII.

H. & W.
In
Memory of
Mrs. Ruth Willson
Wife of Mr.
Nathaniel Willson
who Departed this
Life June ye 13th 1775
in the 70th Year of her
Age.
(F. S.)

CCLIII.

F. & W.
In Memory of
Mr. ROBERT WILLSON
who Departed this Life
March 4th A. D. 1779.
In the 64th year
of his Age.

(B. S.)

CCLIV.

In
memory of
Catharine, wife of
Robert Wilson,
who died
Oct. 1, 1810;
in her 87th year.

CCLV.

H. & W.
Here lyes ye Body of
ANNA LAMSON Dautr of
ye Revd Mr. JOSEPH & Mrs.
ALTHEA LAMSON, who
Died July 10th 1753. Aged
5 Years. 1 Month & 22 Ds.

(B. S.)

CCLVI.

H. & W.

To the Memory of
Mrs. Althea Lamson wife of
the Revd. Mr. Joseph Lamson
and Dautr. of the Revd Mr. James
Wetmore, Rector of Rye, in
New York Province.
Who departed this Life ye 8th of
Feby. 1766 Aged 44 Years.

Note.—Rev. Joseph Lamson, an Episcopal clergyman, was successor to Rev. Henry Caner in 1747, which position he occupied till his death, Aug. 12, 1773. His body was interred in this ground, although nothing tangible marks his resting place.

CCLVII.

H. & W.

HERE LYES INTERRED
THE BODY OF THE
REVD. MR JOSEPH WEBB
(THE FAITHFUL PASTOR)
OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
IN THIS PLACE
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
September 12th A. D. 1732.
Aetatis Suae 66.

Note.—Rev. Joseph Webb's pastorate in the Cong. Church extended from 1692 to 1732, in which time he baptised 1492 persons. He was one of the first fellows of Yale College to whom the Charter was given. The oldest church record extant in Fairfield is in his own hand writing—Doubtless there were other records which were probably destroyed in the Conflagration in 1779. There are two manuscript sermons in this parish of his, "occasioned by the death of Maj'r Nathan Gold, one of the pious and worthy magistrates of Connecticut Colony, who deceased at his own house in Fairfield, fourth of March, 1693-4." Mr. Webb also left a valuable memoranda of the terrible storms in 1700, and the family record of his six daughters and three sons. The Webbs are lost sight of to Fairfield, though there are probably some of the descendants scattered throughout the country, as Rev. Joseph Webb records 3 sons among his 9 children, thus:

"2. Or † Son Joseph was born Sept. 21st, 1693 on a Thursday morning, sun about an hour high, bapt. at Stratford.

3. Or Son Nehemiah was born Feb'ry 26, 1694-5 on Tuesday morning at break of day, bapt. March 3d, '94-5.

9. Or Son Josiah, born March 16th, 1706-7, being Saturday night after midnight, bapt. Mar. 16th, 1706-7, 1c * ye same day reckoning it to begin in morning."

The Rev. Mr. Webb evidently had no time-piece, none being made in this Country, nor easily imported at that time.

† Contraction for Our. * 1 o'clock.

CCLVIII.

H. & W.
HERE LYES BURIED
Y^E BODY OF GRACE
WEBB, DAU^R. TO M^R. JOSEPH
& ELIZABETH WEBB
AGED 21 YEARS & 6 M^O
& 4 D'S, DEC^D MAY Y^E
17TH 1 7 2 2 .
(B. S.)

CCLIX.

HERE LYES BURIED
Y^E BODY OF M^RS.
ELIZABETH WEBB WIFE TO
M^R.JOSEPH WEBB
AGED 50 YEARS 10 M^O
& 15 D^S DEC^D. FEB^RY.
Y^E 15TH 1 7 1 8 .
(B. S.)

CCLX.

HARRIET MILLS ELY
Second child of
David & Priscilla Ely
was born Sep^t. 9th. 1813.
& died Sep^t. 13th. 1816.
Aged 3 Years & 4 Days.
Suffer little children to come
unto me, & forbid them not, for of such
is the kingdom of Heaven.
(W. M.)

CCLXI.

The Grave of
PRISCILLA STURGES ELY,
wife of David Ely,
& daughter of the
Hon. Jon. Sturges,
who departed this life
Suddenly
Jan 26. 1826,
aged 42 years
& 6 months.

Universally beloved in life & lamented in death, her serene & uniform piety consoles survivors with the good assurance of hope, that she has entered into rest.

(W. M.)

CCLXII.

H. & W.
HERE LYES BURIED
Y^E BODY OF M^RS.
MARY STURGES WIFE TO
MR DAVID STURGES
AGED ABOUT 23 YEARS
DEC^D. MARCH Y^E
5TH 1 7 2 1 .

(B. S.)

CCLXIII.

H. & W.
HERE LYES BURIED
Y^E BODY OF M^R
DAVID STURGES
AGED ABOUT 27
YEARS. DEC^D JAN Y^E
17TH 1 7 2 1 .

CCLXIV.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried ye Body
of M^{rs}. Elizth. Sturges wife
to M^{r}. Samuel Sturges
aged 17 years, 11 mo. & 9d's
Who Died Feb^{ry}. ye 9th.
Anno Dom 1739.

(B, S.)

CCLXV.

Here lyes buried ye Body
of Mrs HANNAH JENNINGS Wife
to M^{r}. STEPHEN JENNINGS.
Who departed this Life
March ye 9th. 1765 in y^{e}
49th Year of Her Age.

(B. S.)

CCLXVI.

H. & W.

Here lyes buried
the Body of
M^{r}. SAMUEL WAKEMAN
who departed this Life
Augt. 15th. A. D. 1752
in the 39th Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

CCLXVII.

Death's Head.

Here lyes Buried y^e^
Body of Joseph
Wakeman Esqr, Aged 56
Years. Dec^d^. December
ye 5th 1 7 2 6.

(B. S.)

CCLXVIII.

H. & W.

Here lies the Body of
M^rs^. ELIZABETH BURR Widow
of COLL^o^. JOHN BURR
Formerly the wife of
JOSEPH WAKEMAN Esq
who departed this Life
Augt. 18th A. D. 1753.
in the 74 Year of her Age.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—As Col. John Burr resided within the present limits of Bridgeport and not far from the "Council Oak," he was probably buried in the Old Stratfield, (called also the Pequonnock) ground. He died about 1750. He was closely identified with the interests of Fairfield, and held many responsible trusts, being County Commissary, Deputy, Speaker of the House, Auditor, Judge of County Court and of Probate. He was engaged in the expedition to Nova Scotia as Major. Later he was appointed Colonel. He owned a large farm surrounding his residence, also a "long lot" and several other large grants from the town of Fairfield, besides a large inheritance from his father. He was one of the founders of the now First Congregational church of Bridgeport; many of Col. John Burr's descendants lie in this ground by names of Dimons, Sturges, Perrys, etc.

CCLXIX.

H. & W.
HERE LYES Y^E BODY OF
EBENEZER WAKEMAN ESQ^R. SON
TO JOSEPH WAKEMAN ESQ^R.
BROUGHT UP AT YALE COLLEDG
IN NEW HAVEN & THEIR COMENST
MASTER OF ARTS. AGED 27 YEARS
& 7 MONTHS & 15 DS. DEC^D.
SEP^R. Y^E 25TH 1 7 2 6.

(B. S.)

CCLXX.

Mr. Ebenezer
Wakeman
1762

NOTE.—This is apparently a foot stone, no head stone is to be found.

CCLXXI.

Bright Angel Face & Wings.
Here lyes Buried y^e
Body of M^rs. ANNE
WAKEMAN, Wife to M^r.
EBENEZER WAKEMAN
Who Departed this Life
July 31st. A. D. 1749 Aged
20 Years. 2 M^o & 25 D's.

(B. S.)

CCLXXII.

F. & W.
To the
Memory of Mrs.
SARAH WARNER
late consort of Dr.
SETH WARNER
who departed this
Life Novr. 27 A. D 1769.
In her 41st Year.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—For her Husband, see No. CCCLXIII.

CCLXXIII

(F. S.)

NOTE. Mrs. Fish (a fac-simile of whose head-stone is given on opposite page.) wa ı Rebecca Pabodie, of Duxbury, Mass., and was great grand daughter of John Alden, of the May Flower. After the death of her husband, Rev. Joseph Fish, who died in Stonington, in 1781, for fifty years a pastor of the second church in that place, she removed to Fairfield, where she resided with her daughter Mrs. Gen. Gold S. Silliman, till her death. A monument in Stonington commemorates the Rev. Joseph Fish, his wife and three daughters.

CCLXXIV.

H. & W.
In
Memory of Mrs
ABIGAIL SILLIMAN
Late Amiable Consort
of the Honorable
EBENEZER SILLIMAN Esqr.
She died March 16 A. D. 1772
Aged 65 Years one a Month
wanting one day.

How lov'd, how vallu'd once avails the 'not
To whome related or by whom begot,
A heap of duft alone remains of thee;
'Tis all thou art and all the proud fhall be.

NOTE.—Mrs. Silliman was the daughter of Jonathan Selleck, Esq.

CCLXXV.

H. & W.

In Memory of the Honble.

EBENEZER SILLIMAN

Efq^{r}. For many years fuccefffully
a member of the Council & one of
the Judges of the Superior Court,
in the Colony of Connecticut,
Diftinguifh'^{d} with a clear underftanding,
a fedat^{e} mind, & dignity of deportment,
Well verf'd in Jurifprudence, learned in
the Law, and religioufly upright
He fuftain'd thofe high TRUSTS
(and acted in other important Relations)
with Honour to himself, to his Family,
and to his Country.
And having ferv'd his generation, by the
will of God, fell asleep in the 68th
Year of his age on the 11th Octr. 1775.
I have said ye are gods
but ye fhall die like men.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—Hon. Ebenezer Silliman graduated from Yale in 1727. He was the owner of a large land estate, and influential in all public affairs, being elected to offices in both Church and State. He owned a "Colonial" home on Holland Hill, which he inherited from his father, Robert Silliman; it is owned at present by William S. Wilson, and is in good repair.

CCLXXVI.

Lucinda,
wife of Ruben Swift, Esq.
Waterloo, New York. departed
this life May 16. 1822.
in the 45 year of her age.
She died at Fairfield, whither she
had travelled in quest of health,
cheerfully resigning herself into the
hands of her Redeemer in whom she
confidently hoped to receive a blessed
immortality. She was the delight of
her friends, and an ornament to her
Christian profession.

(W. M.)

CCLXXVII.

In
memory of
JUSTIN HOBART,
who died
June 3, 1830,
Æ 58 yrs.

(W. M.)

CCLXXVIII.

W. & U.

HANNAH HOBART,

daughter of

Justin Hobart

died May 6. 1827,

aged 49 y & 7 mo.

(W. M.)

CCLXXIX.

In

Memory of

Miss MARY HOBART

who died

June 15. 1845

Æ 79[1] years.

(W. M.)

CCLXXX.

H. & W.

Here

lies interr'd the body

of Doct[r]. THOMAS HILL

who died March 8th

A. D. 1781. in the 36th.

Year of his Age.

Some hearty friend shall drop his tear
On our dry Bones, and say, pear,
Thofe once were ftrong as mine ap
And mine muft be as they.

CCLXXXI.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Mr JOHN WILLSON
who died Augt. 3d.
1800
aged 85 years
1 month & 19 days.
(F. S.)

CCLXXXII.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Mrs. EUNICE WILLSON
Wife of
Mr. JOHN WILLSON
who died Decr. 25th.
1793
in the 75th. year of
her age.
(F. S.)

CCLXXXIII.

ELIZABETH STURGES,
WIFE OF
STEPHEN MILLER,
DAUGHTER OF
JUDGE STURGES,
DIED APRIL 10, 1864,
AGED 84 YEARS.
(W. M.)

CCLXXXIV.

STEPHEN MILLER
DIED
June 9, 1843,
Æ 74.
(W. M.)

CCLXXXV.

In this Spot
are deposited
the remains of
Mrs MARY STURGES
widow of the late
B. L. Sturges,
who died in Fairfield.
on the 15. of June 1840.
in the 69 year
of her age.
(W. M.)

CCLXXXVI.

In
memory of
BARNABAS L. STURGES
Son of the late
Judge Sturges,
who died
Sept. 28, 1831
aged 62 years.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—Mr. Sturges built the house in Southport, now owned by Mr. David Banks, in 1800. He built a vessel which was captured by the French on its first voyage. He was the father of the late Jonathan Sturges, the millionaire merchant, who with members of his family lie in the East Burying Ground.

CCLXXXVII.

In
memory of
Elizabeth
Robinson
an infant
Obt Nov 9. 1824.
(W. M.)

CCLXXXIII.

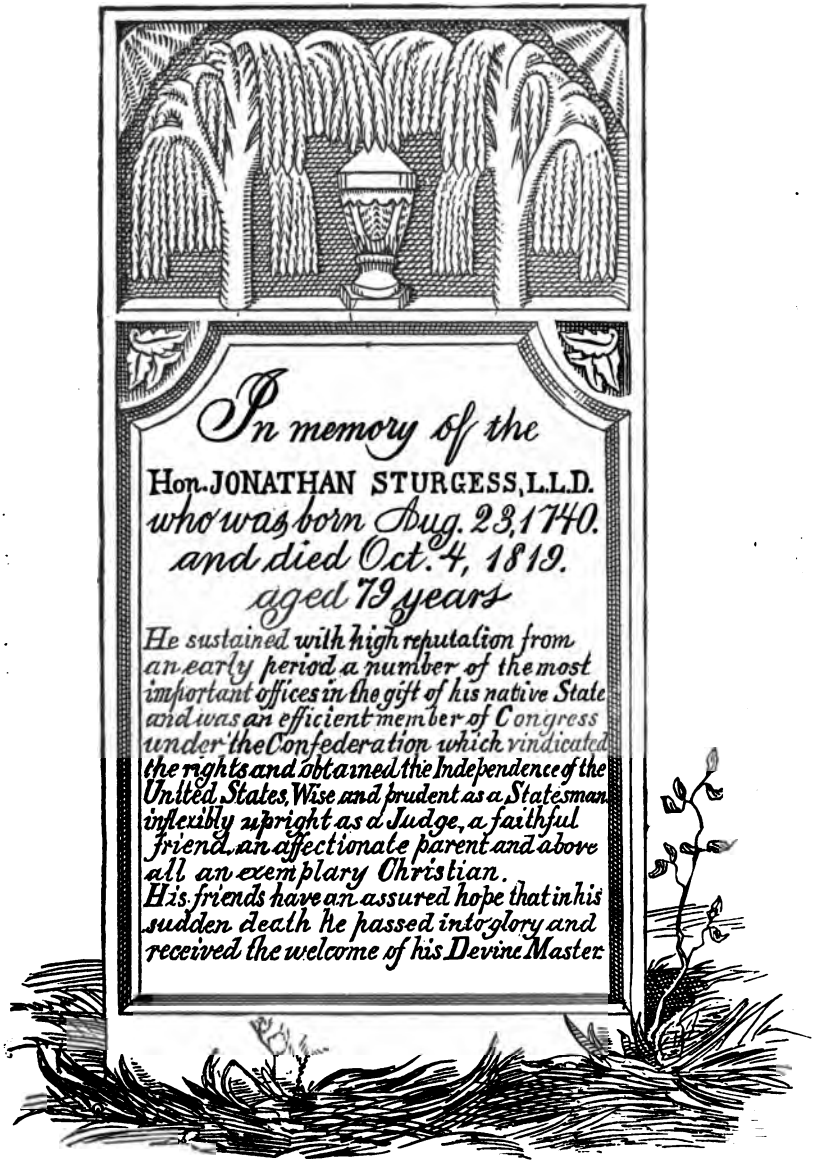
In this Spot rest
the remains of
Mrs. DEBORAH STURGES,
widow of the late
Hon. Jonathan Sturges
who died April 1, 1832.
in the 90 year
of her age.
The faithful wife
The affectionate mother:
The humble Christian.

NOTE.—Mrs. Sturges was a daughter of Lothrop Lewis, from Barnstable, Mass., who was the second husband of Sarah, daughter of Jonathan Sturges Jr., whose father died in 1711.

CCLXXXIX.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—History speaks of Judge Jonathan Sturges,—a fac-simile of whose head stone is given on opposite page,—as a noble gentleman, an ornament to the town, a scholar, a graduate from Yale in 1759; later a member of the House of Representatives, after which he was Judge of the Supreme Court of Conn. He was a sufferer in the British invasion of 1779. His home was that which J. Toomey occupies. His grandson, the late Jonathan Sturges, the christian citizen and millionare lies in the East Burying Ground.


In memory of the
Hon. JONATHAN STURGESS, L.L.D.
who was born Aug. 23, 1740.
and died Oct. 4, 1819.
aged 79 years
He sustained with high reputation from an early period a number of the most important offices in the gift of his native State and was an efficient member of Congress under the Confederation which vindicated the rights and obtained the Independence of the United States. Wise and prudent as a Statesman inflexibly upright as a Judge, a faithful friend, an affectionate parent and above all an exemplary Christian.
His friends have an assured hope that in his sudden death he passed into glory and received the welcome of his Devine Master.

CCXC.

JOHN WASSON
STURGES Son of
LEWIS B. and
CHARLOTTE STURGES
born Sep^{t}. 6th. 1804.
& died April 17th. 1810,
aged 5 years, 7 months
& 11 days.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—Lewis Burr Sturges was a son of Hon. Jonathan Sturges, and a member of Congress. He resided on the premises which Mrs. Catharine Beers owns.

CCXCI.

Legrand C Sturges Born 2^{d}. of
March 1795 & died the 30th. of the
same month and Lockwood B.
Sturges born 17th of Feby 1796.
& died the 22^{d}. of March following.
Children of Lewis B. and
Charlotte Sturges.
(F. S.)

CCXCII.

Death's Head & Wings.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of Capt.
SAMUEL STURGIS
Who departed this Life
Aug^{ft} ye 30th. 1763 Aged
51 Years & 5 Months.
(B. S.)

CCXCIII.

H. & W.
In
memory of Mrs
ANN STURGES
Relict of Capt
SAMUEL STURGES
who departed this
Life April 17, 1775
In her 56th. Year.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—This stone is broken in several pieces.

CCXCIV.

In memory of
Mr Jonathan Sturges Jnr.
who died June 25th
1801
in the 34th year
of his age.
(F. S.)

CCXCV.

In
Memory of
Mrs. ABIGAIL STURGES
wife of Mr. SAMUEL STURGES:
who died Nov. 29. 1818,
aged 76 years.
(W. M.)

CCXCVI.

ROWLAND ROBENSON,
son of William &
Nabby Robenson
died Oct 18. 1813,
aged 17 years.

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David Robenson
son of William &
Nabby Robenson;
was drowned
Dec 18, 1813
aged 19 years
& 6 months.
(W. M.)

CCXCVII.

N. R. (Monogram.)
In Memory of
Mrs Nabby Robinson
Wife of
Capt. William Robinson
who died Feby. 28th 1813
aged 46 years, 6 months and
18 days.
She left a Husband & 10 Children
to lament the loss of an agreeable
Partner & an affectionate Mother.
How lov'd how valu'd once, avails thee not;
To whom related, or by whom begot;
A heap of dust alone remains of thee,
'Tis all thou art, and all the Proud
shall be.
(F. S.)

CCXCVIII.

Grinning Death's Head & Wings.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of M^{r}
JOHN HILL
Who Departed this life
Decem^{r} ye 17th 1759 in y^{e}
53^{d}. Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

CCXCIX.

Grinning Death Head & Wings.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of Capt.
SAMUEL ROWLAND;
Who Departed this Life
November ye 4th Anno Dom^{ni}.
1748 Aged 62 years.
(B. S.)

NOTE.—Henry Rowland settled in Fairfield in 1669. This son (Samuel.) forms the second link in the direct ancestral line of the present Henry Rowland, Esq. Probably Henry Rowland 1st is buried in this ground.

CCC.

Grinning Death's Head & Wings.
Here lyes y$_{e}$ Body
of GRACE ROWLAND
Daug^{tr} of Mr Samuel &
Mrs EFTHER ROWLAND
Who Dec^{d} Feb^{y}
22nd 1729-30 in y^{e} 22nd
Year of Her Age.
(B. S.)

CCCI.

Here lyes y^e^ Body of M^rs^.
ESTHER ROWLAND Wife
to Capt. SAMUEL ROWLAND
Who departed this Life
Septem^br^. y^e^ 11th A D. 1744 in
y^e^ 63^d^ Year of Her Age
Hark from the Tombs a doleful sound
My Eares Attend the Cry
ye Living Men come view the ground
where you must shortly lie.
(B. S.)

CCCII.

H. & W.
Here lyes ye Body of
ESTHER ROWLAND Daug^tr^
of M^r^. DAVID & M^rs^.
Deborah Rowland who
Died Sept 25th 1748
Aged 2 Years & 8 Days.
(B. S.)

CCCIII.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried y^e^
Body of M^rs^. DEBORAH
ROWLAND, Wife to M^r^.
DAVID ROWLAND
Who Departed this life
Sept; 29th. A. D. 1748 in y
36th Year of Her Age.
(B. S.)

CCCIV.

H. & W.
To the Memory of
Mrs. Elizabeth Rowland Wife
of David Rowland Esqr.
She was the Daughter of Thomas
Hill Esqr. and Mrs. Mary Hill
She was born Decr 27 1726:
and died July 18th A. D. 1753,
in the 27th Year of her Age.
(B. S.)

CCCV.

Esther Smedley,
Wife of
Samuel Smedley,
and Daughter of
David Rowland, Esqr.
died Septr. 14th. 1792;
In the 41st Year of
her Age.
(F. S.)

CCCVI.

David Rowland Esqr.
Died August 30th 1768
In the 54th. Year
of his Age.
(F. S.)

CCCVII.

In
Memory of
Mrs. Abigail, Relict of
Mr. Samuel Rowland
who died
May 3, 1801,
Æ 85.
(W. M.)

CCCVIII.

In
Memory of
Mr. Samuel Rowland,
who died
May 3, 1782
Æ 70.
(W. M.)

Note.—This Samuel Rowland 2nd, was of the third generation of the name in Fairfield, and father of Andrew Rowland, Esq. of Revolutionary times.

CCCIX.

ANNE, wife of
Joseph Squire
died Feb 9, 1832
Aged 73.

CCCX.

In
Memory of
ISAAC JENNINGS
who died Jan. 6, 1819;
aged 75 years &
7 months.

NOTE.—Isaac Jennings is a family name handed down for several generations. Capt. Isaac Jennings (1881) is an ex-member of legislature and a partner in the Japan Paper Ware Co. with his brothers, Deacon O. W. Jennings and Mr. Augustus Jennings, of Southport.

CCCXI.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Mrs. ABIGAIL JENNINGS
Wife of
Mr. ISAAC JENNINGS
and daughter of
COLO ABRAHAM GOULD
who died Novr 2d.
1795
aged 41 years
wanting 13 days.
(F. S.)

CCCXII.

In
memory of
ELIZABETH MASON,
daugr. of Isaac and
Abigail Jennings,
who died May 8, 1843
aged 70 yrs & 8 mo.
(W. M.)

CCCXIII.

H. & W.
Polly
Daughter of
Mr Isaac & Mrs
Abigail Jennings
died Sept 24th
1795 aged 1 year
& 10 months.
(F. S.)

CCCXIV.

Colo David Dimon
died in the Army of
the United States,
Septr. 18th. 1777,
Æt 36
And his remains are
here intered.
(F. S.)

CCCXV.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
ye Body of Mr
Ebenezer Dimon
Who departed this Life
May 28th Anno Dom 1746.
in ye 42d Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

CCCXVI.

ANN DIMON
Daughter of
Col. David Dimon
died Feb 14, 1816
in the 49th year
of her age.
(W. M.)

CCCXVII.

NOTE.—Col. Abraham Gould—a fac-simile of whose head stone is given on opposite page,—was killed on his horse, and his body was brought home on horse back for burial. His sword which was a straight silver mounted and three cornered one, was found stained with the enemy's blood. It is now in possession of a great grandson, Abraham Gould Jennings, of Brooklyn, N. Y. His sash and coat were deposited in the Trumbull Gallery, at New Haven. Hezekiah Gould was walking on a plank from the wharf to the vessel in N. Y., when the end resting on the vessel fell, and he struck on his breast and was drowned

CCCXVIII.

In Memory of

Mrs. ELIZABETH GOULD

Relict of

Colo. ABRAHAM GOULD

who died Sept. 5th.

1815

in the 84th. year

of her age.

NOTE.—Col. Gould's home is the one owned by the family of the late Capt. John Gould, whose burial plot is in the East Burial Ground.

CCCXIX.

Here lyes Buried

the Body of

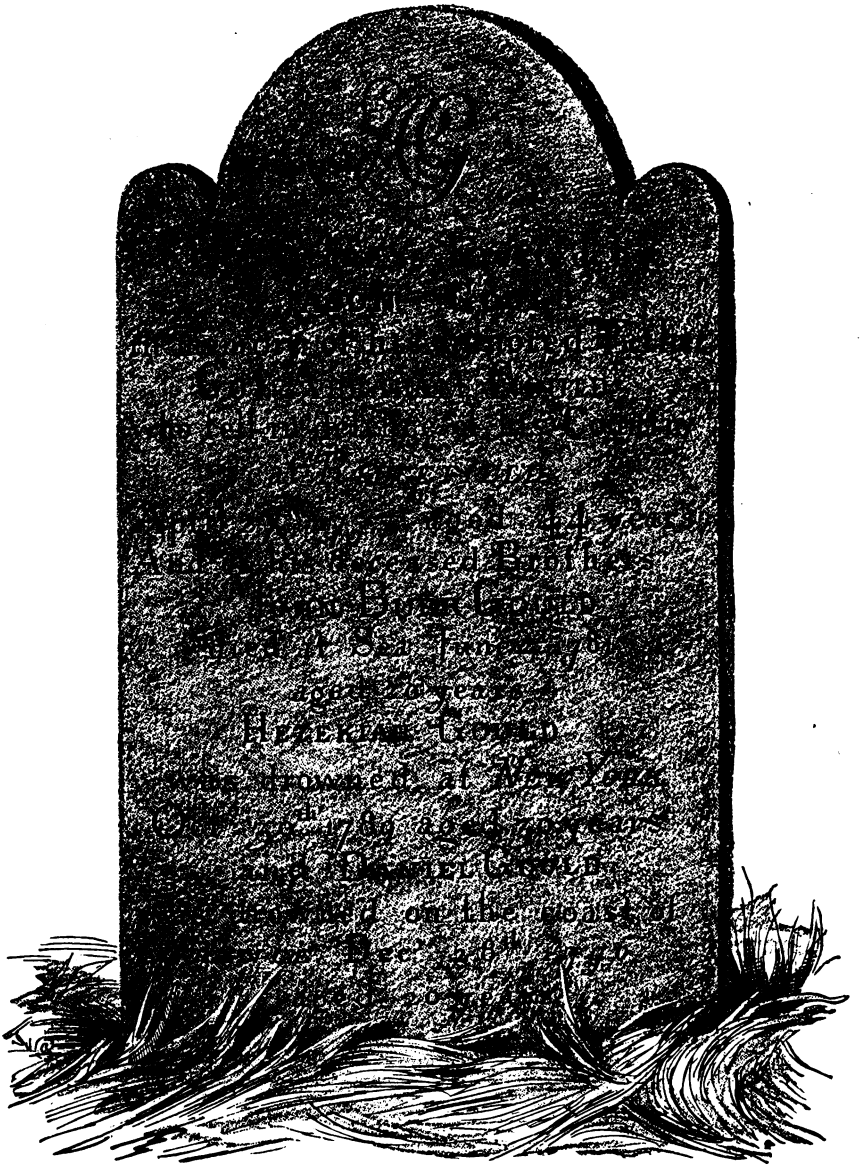
Thomas Staples

aged 86 years,

10 Months, Decd. Janry. 6th.

1 7 3 7.

(F. S.)



CCCXX.

In
memory of
EUNICE ROBENSON,
wife of
Wm. Robenson Jr.,
who died
May 17, 1829
aged 40 years
(W. M.)

CCCXXI.

Wm. Robenson
son of
Capt. Joseph W:
& Nabby Davis,
died Nov. 5, 1825
aged 2 years
& 4 months.
(W. M.)

CCCXXII.

In
memory of
Wm. Robenson Jr.
who died
July 7, 1823;
aged 31 years.

And his son
Orlando I.
died June 21, 1823,
aged 9 months.
(W. M.)

CCCXXIII.

In
memory of
AMELIA A.
daughter of
William &
Eunice Robinson,
who died
Nov. 10, 1837
Aged 17 years.
(W. M.)

CCCXXIV.

In
Memory of
BENJAMIN
son of William &
Nabby Robinson:
who died Jan. 21, 1822,
aged 23 y: 2 m. 12 d.
Our life is ever on the wing,
And death is ever nigh;
The moment when our lives begin,
We all begin to die.
(W. M.)

CCCXXV.

In memory of
SILVESTER;
son of William &
Jerusha Robinson;
who died June 20, 1820
aged 9 months.
(W. M.)

CCCXXVI.

In
memory of
JERUSHA T.
second wife of
Capt Wm. Robenson
who died
July 20. 1826,
aged 42 years.
(W. M.)

CCCXXVII.

Mrs. SARAH SQUIRE,
Wife of
Capt JOSEPH SQUIRE
and Daughter of
the late Revd.
ANDREW ELIOT D. D.
of BOSTON
died 8th. May 1799
in her 44th Year.
(F. S.)

CCCXXVIII.

JOSEPH SQUIRE
died Nov 26. 1825,
aged 73.
(W. M.)

CCCXXIX.

In
memory of
ANNA,
wife of NOAH BURR
who died Mar 17,
1830
aged 45,
Isaac J. Burr
their son
died Sept 2 1840
aged 19.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Mrs. Burr was born Anna Jennings, her husband lived till 1859; probably he was placed in some other burying ground.

CCCXXX.

Grinning Death Head.
In Memory of
Miss ELIZABETH SQUIRE
who departed this Life
March the 15th 1784.
Aged 27 Years.

CCCXXXI.

1 7 1 2 . ✝
APRELL 27
A. H.

NOTE.—This is a rough stone in its normal condition for contour and surface; it probably was to a Hill—judging from the initials and the contiguity of the next stone.

CCCXXXII.

H. & W.
Here Lyes Buried
ye Body of Deac^n
WILLIAM HILL Who
Departed this Life April
19th Anno Dom^i 1736 y^e
78th Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—William Hill was Town Clerk for several years, and took an active part in the Church.

CCCXXXIII.

S. ✝.

NOTE.—This is wholly unintelligible—Probably it was also to a Hill. H being partly obliterated.

CCCXXXIV.

TO THE MEMORY
of
FRANCIS FORGUE
Late useful Physician & refpe-
cted Citizen of this Town
Who fell afleep in CHRIST.
Feby 26th. A. D. 1783 in the
54th year of his Age.
To *him* to die *was* Gain to
others Lofs. This Life is
Nought, ETERNITY is ALL.

(W. M.)

CCCXXXV.

H. & W.
The Corruptible of
SARAH,
first, Widow of
JAMES DENNIE,
& after of
Dr FRANCIS FORGUE
who departed Jany 24th
1796.
Aged 72 Years.
(F. S.)

CCCXXXVI.

M^{rs}. SARAH SAYRE,
Consort of
Rev^{d}. JAMES SAYRE,
Daughter of
M^{r}. JAMES DENNIE,
departed this Life
Dec^{r}, 15th. 1797,
Æt 41
(F. S.)
(See No. LXXVI.)

CCCXXXVII.

H. & W.
In Memory of
M^{rs}. MARY NICHOLS, Dau^{tr}
of M^{r}. DAVID and M^{rs}.
ABIGAIL THOMPSON
who was born ye 3^{d} Day of
April 1733 & departed this
Life ye 18th Day of Nov 1768
Aged 35 years & 7 months.
(B. S.)

CCCXXXVIII.

MRS ANN DIMON
wife of
Col°. David Dimon,
died March 9. 1812
age 70.
(W. M.)

CCCXXXIX.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of
Mr JOHN THOMPSON
Who was born
the 21st Day of Feb^ry 1687
and departed this Life y^e
10th Day of April 1759 in y^e
73^d Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

CCCXL.

Here lyes Buried
the Body of M^rs
ABIGAIL THOMPSON
Who Departed this Life
July 15th A. D. 1753 Aged
25 Years & 2 Months.
(B. S.)

CCCXLI.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of
DEACON JOHN THOMPSON
aged 83 years
DEC^{D} March ye 1st
1 7 3 4 .
(B. S.)

NOTE.—This stone lies broken in pieces on the ground.

CCCXLII.

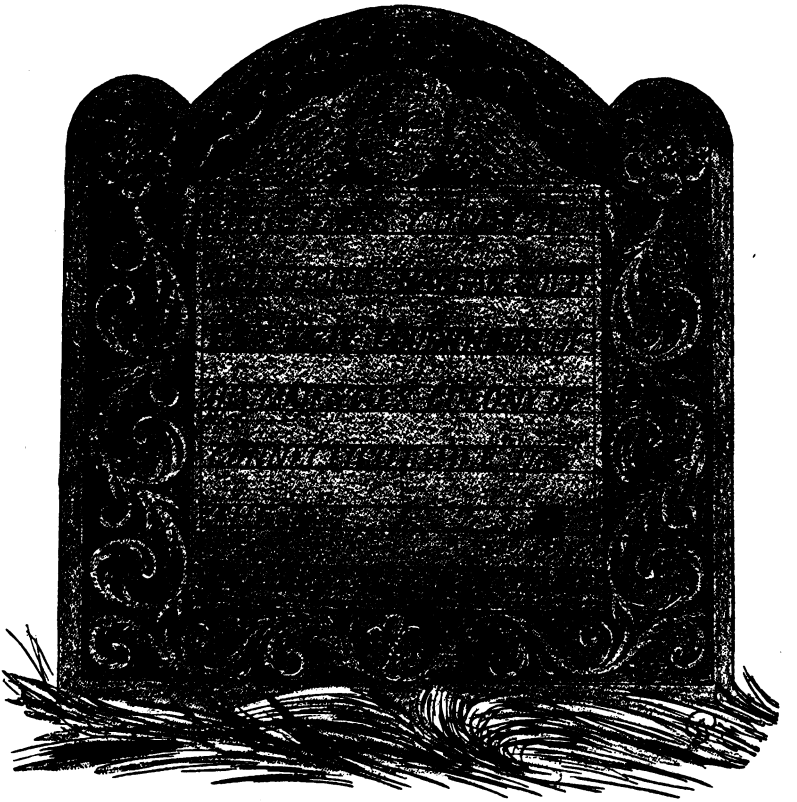
Here lyes Buried y^{e}
Body of M^{rs}.SARAH
THOMPSON. Relict of
Dea^{con} John Thompson
Who Died JUNE y^{e}
4th Anno Dom^{ni} 1747 in y^{e}
87th Year of Her Age.
(B, S.)

CCCXLIII.

Here lyes ye Body
of David Leavitt
Who Died Sep^{tr}
13th1746, Aged 3
Years 1 mo. & 20 D's

Here lyes ye Body
of Nathan Leavitt
Who Died Sept
17th 1746 Aged 1
Year 9 mo & 11 D's

Children of Mr Jacob & Mrs Cate Leavitt.
(B. S.)



CCCXLIV.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried
the Body of
Mr. Samuel Gould
who departed this Life
Octr. ye 11th 1769 in ye
77th Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

Note.—Samuel Gould was grand-son of the first settler of the name of Gould, and father of Col. Abraham Gould. He married Esther Bradley and possessed the Gould homestead.

CCCXLV.

(B. S.)

Note.—This Nathan Gold,—a fac-simile of whose head-stone is given on opposite page,—was son of Major Nathan Gold, a wealthy and educated gentleman, a landholder in Fairfield 1649, and in 1653 a purchaser of property, some of which is possessed at present by some of his descendants. He was one of the nineteen petitioners named in the Charter of Connecticut, and member of the Council from 1657 to 1694. Rev. Joseph Webb preached his funeral sermon. (See No. CCLVII.) In all probability his remains lie near his son Nathan Gold, Jr., who married (1) Hannah Talcott of Hartford, (2) Sarah———. He served as town clerk from 1684 to 1706. He was town clerk and deputy governor, with Peter Burr for assistant from 1706 to 1724. In 1712 he was chief justice of the Supreme Court. He is spoken of in the church records as "the worshipfull Capt. Gold"; again as Hon. Nathan Gold Esq., D. G.—His children were: Abigail, wife of Rev. Thomas Hawley of Ridgefield; John, Nathan, Samuel, Joseph, Rev. Hezekiah, Onesimus, David and Martha, some of whom lie in this ground.

CCCXLVI.

H. & W.

Here Lyes Buried
the Body of
John Gould Esqr.
Who departed this Life
Sept. the 23d. 1766 in the
79th Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

CCCXLVII.

This Monument
is erected By order of
WILLIAM BURR
in Commemoration of his
honoured mother Amelia
who lived the partner and
the widow of Ebenezer Burr
son of Samuel & Elizabeth
Burr late of Fairfield.
Deceaft alfo lived the partner
and died the widow of Abel
Gold Son of Samuel Gold
late of Fairfield Deceast
was the Daughter of
Ebenezer Silliman Esqr.
late of Fairfield Deceaft
was born in the Year 1736
and died in the Year 1794
Aged 58 Years.

(F. S.)

(See CCXXVII.)

CCCXLVIII.

H. & W.

HANNAH Gold the Daughter of
JOHN GOLD ESQ^R. of FAIRFIELD.
She was born Sep^tr.20th. 1716 & died
Ñov^r. 25th N. S. 1752 Æ 36.

Who knew her worth while Life supports
their frame,
From dark Oblivion shall fecure her Name
When thefe fhall fail, the folid Rock fhall fhow
How lov'd, how priz'd fhe paft her Life below,
How Virtues facred Laws, Actions fway't;
By Kindnefs, Charity & Love difplayed,
Kindred & Friends her kindly Aid confef't;
And needy Souls her timely bounty bleft
A *Freind* unfhaken in adverfity.
Ready to aid, or needed help fupply
A Flood of tears bedew'd her funeral herfe;
And marked their grief in monumental verfe.

(See No. CCCXLVI.)

CCCXLIX.

In
memory of
Mrs. SARAH
Relict of
NATH'L L. STURGES
who died
Nov. 2. 1841.
Æ 71 Years.

(W. M.)

CCCL.

In
memory of
John Hives,
son of George
& Ann Hives,
of Gotham, County of
Nottingham, England
who died
Dec 7, 1822
aged 49 years
6 months.
(W. M.)

CCCLI.

ROBERT
Son of Peter &
Isabella Johnston
died
Sept. 14. 1824
aged 7 months
& 2 days.
(W. M.)

CCCLII.

In Memory of
Mrs Sarah Carson
Wife of
Mr. Walter Carson
who died Novr 20
1814
in the 59th year
of her age.
(F. S.)

CCCLIII.

In Memory of
Mr WALTER CARSON
who died April 29th.
1799
aged 47 years.

NOTE.—Walter Carson taught school in Fairfield more or less for 28 years, and was known as "Master Carson." He evidently was a popular teacher, and propably did much toward educating the youths of Fairfield. His salary was £40 per year.

CCCLIV.

J. G. (Monogram.)

This monument is erected
in memory of
Mr JASON GOULD
who departed this life
June 17th 1810
aged 39 years 5 months
and 2 days.

NOTE.—(See No. CCCXVII.)

CCCLV.

This monument is
erected in memory of
CATHARINE GOULD
Daughter of
Mr JASON & Mrs.
CATHARINE GOULD
who died Oct°. 22d.
1806 aged 10 months
& 1 day.

CCCLVI.

In
memory of
CATHARINE
daughter of
Jasen and Catharine Gould
who departed this Life
June 21st 1809
in the first year of her age.

CCCLVII.

H. & W.
In memory of
STANDFAST WYATT
son of JOSEPH &
Huldah Wyatt who
departed this Life ye
2 of Decembr 1783
Aged 5 Months.

Fresh in the morn the Summer rose
Hangs withered ere 'tis noon
We scarce enjoy the balmy gift
But mourn the Pleasure gone.

(F. S.)

CCCLVIII.

H. & W.
In memory of
Mrs HULDAH WYATT
wife of Mr JOSEPH WYATT
who departed this Life
ye 6 of November A. D.
1783 Aged 23 years 4
months & 16 days.

In thy fair book of Life divine
My God Infcribe her name.
There let it fill some Humble place
Beneath the slaughter'd Lamb.

(F. S.)

CCCLIX.

H. & W.
In Memory
of ALICE WYATT Daug
hter of Joseph & Huldah
Wyatt who departed
this Life March ye 18th A. D.
17—— Aged 8 Months
& 16 days.

When Spring appears, when violets blow
And shed a rich Perfume, its last!
How soon the Fragrance breathes
How Short Liv^d is the Bloom
(F. S.)

CCCLX.

In
memory of
DIMON STURGES
who died
Jan 16. 1829.
aged 74 years.

NOTE.—Among his descendants are Solomon & Eben Sturges, Bankers, in Ohio, large real estate owners and men of unlimited influence.

CCCLXI.

H. & W.
Here Lyes Buried
the Body of
Mr ABEL WHEELER
who departed this life
March the 27th 1772 in y^e
36th year of his age.

Hark from the tombs a doleful found
my ears attend the cry
Ye living men come view the ground
where you must shortly lie.

CCCLXII.

Here Lyes Buried
the Body of
Mr Jonathan Wheeler
who departed this Life
February ye 20. 1772 in ye
86 Year of His Age.

CCCLXIII.

H. & W.
To The
memory of Doct'r
SETH WARNER
who departed this
Life April 14th 1769
In the 36th. Year of
his Age.
(F. S.)
(See No. CCLXXII.)

CCCLXIV.

HERE LYES BURIED
THE BODY OF
MR THOMAS HANFORD
DECD MAY THE 14TH
1 7 3 1 IN THE 32D
YEAR OF HIS AGE.

CCCLXV.

H. & W.
In memory of
SARAH DIMON
Daughter of
Mr WILLIAM &
Mrs ESTHER DIMON
who died Octo°
1778
In the 13th year
of her Age.

CCCLXVI.

H. & W.
In memory of
Mrs ESTHER DIMON
wife of
Mr WILLIAM DIMON
who departed this Life
Decr 2d 1786.
In the 43d year
of her Age.
(F. S.)

CCCLXVII.

In
memory of
WILLIAM DIMON
who departed this life
Sept 22d 1810
in the 72d year
of his age.
(W. M.)

CCCLXVIII.

PRISCILLA DIMON,
DIED
Feb 15, 1854.
In the 77 year
of her age.
(W. M.)

CCCLXIX.

H. & W.

Mrs MARY BETTS, the Daughter of
JOHN GOLD ESQR. of FAIRFIELD and Wife of
THADDEUS BETTS A. M. of RIDGEFIELD was born
June ye 4th O. S. 1731; enter'd into matrimony Novr.
8, N. S. 1752; & died on ye 20th of ye fame Month Æt. Anno' 22nd.

Beneath this Tomb in humble filence lies
The modeft, virtuous, tender, prudent, wise;
Fair Virtue's Path, in early Youth she trod;
Spurn'd luring Vices, & rever'd her God.
Her tender foul. Benevolence pofeft;
And foft Compafsion, moved for the Diftreft:
The Great & worthy did her Honours fhare;
The Poor & deftitute, partook her care,
Beloved of by All, fhe paft her mortal Life;
Stranger to Noife, contention. Rage & ftrife:
Her Kindred's joy, her Confort's better part
Her Friends delight; & joy of ev'ry heart,
But Ah: too foon from budding blifs fhe flies:
To Day a Bride, anon a Corpse fhe lies
Like Flowers expende to the vernal Sky,
They bud, they bloom, they wither, fade & die.

(See CCCXLVI.)

CCCLXX.

J. B. (Monogram.) E. B. (Monogram.)

This Stone was Erected by

Capt. ELEAZER BULKLEY

to the Memory of his Father

Mr JAMES BULKLEY

who died Feby 13th. 1803 aged 73 years

and Mrs ELIZABETH his Mother

who died June 27th 1809 aged 71 years

Likewise to his Sister MARY

who died 1779 aged 22 years

and his Brother ANDREW

who died 1788 aged 14 years

also to his Brother MOSES

who died 1796 aged 20 years

and his Brother JAMES

who died at NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Septr. 15th. 1805 aged 37 years.

NOTE.—James Bulkley was the son of Peter and Hannah *Ward* Bulkley. He married Elizabeth Whitehead. They had issue of ten children, one of whom, Capt. Eleazer Bulkley married Mary, daughter of Jonathan Ogden of Mill Plain. (See No. XLII.) James Bulkley was a weaver and intended Eleazer should learn the same trade, but he preferring a sea faring life followed the water. He was a privateersman for two years; subsequently he followed the coasting business, purchasing vessels as his circumstances demanded, and as his sons grew up, placed them in partnership with himself, forming the shipping firm of E. Bulkley & Sons, in New York. He was a patriot and republican of the "old school," and took a lively interest in the welfare of his Country, whose independence he had assisted in establishing. He died Feb. 5, 1843.

CCCLXXI.

H. & W.

GOLD SELLECK SILLIMAN Esqr.
Attorney at Law.
Justice of the Peace
and during the late War
Colonel of Horse
and Brigadier General of Militia
died July 21st 1790.
Aged 58 Years:
Having discharged these
and other public Offices,
with Reputation and dignity:
and in private life shone
The affectionate Husband
tender Parent
exemplary Christian
and Man of fervent Piety.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—Gen. Silliman had charge of an important post; the southwestern frontier of Connecticut, which, on account of the long occupation of the City of New York, Westchester County, and Long Island, by the British, required great vigilance and efficiency. He took part in the battle of Long Island, and bore a perilous and honorable part in the battle of White Plains, N. Y., and on this, as on several other occasions narrowly escaped the enemy's balls. Gen. Silliman enjoyed Washington's confidence. He was so obnoxious to the British that they sought to take him prisoner, which they succeeded in doing. His son William, although sick with fever and ague, was also captured, and the two were borne to Long Island, where they were retained as prisoners some months before they were discharged. His house is yet standing on Holland Hill, near his father, Ebenezer Silliman's, and is also a "colonial." The window is shown where the ruffians entered. Gen. Silliman was a pillar in the Congregational Church and a conscientious lawyer. He was a scholar, patriot and christian. He graduated from Yale in 1742.

CCCLXXII.

H. & W.

Here lies buried the Body
of Mrs Martha Silliman,
wife of G. Selleck Silliman,
Efqr. who died August first,
1774 aged 41 Years. 1 Mon & 23 D.

Sweet Soul, we leave thee to thy Rest:
Enjoy thy Jesus and thy God.
Till we from Bands of Clay releast.
Spring out & Climb the Shining Road
While the dear Dust she leaves behind
Sleeps in thy Bosom, Sacred Grave
Or does she seek, or has she found her Babe
Amongst the Infant Nation of the blest
And claspt it to her *Soul* to Satiate there.
The Young maternal Love. thrice happy Child
That saw the Light & turned its Eyes aside
From our dim Regions to the Eternal Sun
And led the Parents Way to Glory.

Watts.

(F. S.)

Note.—Gen. G. S. Silliman married (1) Martha Davenport of East Haven. She was mother of William, referred to in note of CCCLXXI. He married (2) Mary, daughter of Rev. Joseph & Mrs. Rebecca Fish, (see CCLXXIII) and widow of the Rev. John Noyes. Gen. G. S. Silliman died leaving her a widow the second time. She subsequently married Dr. J. Dickinson in 1804 and died at Wallingford, July 2, 1818, aged 83. A panel in the shaft of the new monument to Rev. Joseph Fish of North Stonington is dedicated thus to her memory. "Mary, daughter of Joseph & Rebecca Fish, wife of Rev. John Noyes 1758. Gen. Gold S. Silliman 1775. Dr. J. Dickinson 1804, died in Wallingford, July 2, 1818, Æt 83. Cheerful piety graced her life and sustained her in death."

CCCLXXIII.

H. & W.

Here lies buried the Body of
Mis PRISCILLA SILLIMAN
only Daughter of GOLD SELL-
ECK SILLIMAN Esqr and
Mrs MARTHA SILLIMAN
his Wife, who was born June 22
1772 and died Nov. 23d. 1773.
aged one Year, five Months & 1 day.
Happy the Babe,
who, privileg'd by Fate,
To fhorter Labour,
and a lighter Weight,
Receiv'd but Yesterday
the Gift of Breath,
Order'd To-morrow
to return to Death

(F. S.)

CCCLXXIV.

H. & W.

Here lies Inter'd
the Remains of the
Amiable Mrs ANNA SILLIMAN,
confort of Mr. WILLIAM SILLIMAN
& Daughter of JOHN ALLEN Esqr;
who was born Janr. 18th. 1757 & dep-
arted this Life on the 14th day of
Janr 1776 aged 19 Years wanting
four Days. A fincere Christian.
Early. not fudden was fair Anna's fate.
Soon not furprifing Death his vifit paid;
Her Thought went forth to meet him on his way.
Nor Gaiety forgot it was to Die—
Sweet Harmonist! and beautiful as fweet!
And Young as beautiful! and foft as young!
And Gay as foft! and Innocent as Gay!
Early, bright, tranfient, chafte, as morning dew
She fparkled, was exhal'd & went to Heaven.
William, thy lonely Mate now gives thee joy;
Nor will he take his leave fo foon to follow.

(F. S.)

CCCLXXV.

In Memory of
Gold Selleck Silliman Esq.
who died in Brooklyn. New York.
June 3, 1868.
in the 91st. year of his age.
And of
BENJAMIN SILLIMAN L. L. D.
More than fifty years Professor of
Natural Science in Yale College,
who died in New Haven, Connecticut.
Nov 24, 1861.
in the 86th year of his age,
Their remains are interred in the places
of their decease.
Eminent for Honor, Generosity, Affection,
Patriotism, Intellectual Culture, and Christian
Principle. They were bound together through
life by the strongest fraternal ties,
They were sons of
General Gold S. Silliman,
who died A. D. 1790. and grandsons of
Honorable EBENEZER SILLIMAN,
deceased A. D. 1775; who was the son of
Robert Silliman
deceased A. D. 1718, and grandson of
Daniel Silliman deceased A. D 1690,
All of Fairfield.
Their children add this to the
record of their ancestors A. D. 1877.

(F. S.)

Note.—Without doubt, Daniel and Robert Silliman lie in this ground, and the five generations cover a space of over 200 years, showing great longevity in the family. These two brothers Gold S. and Benjamin, were reared in the "Colonial" now owned Mr. Bradley Nichols, on Holland Hill. The school house stands on the same site where they attended school, which was situated upon a "basis of granite rock, with loose masses and cliff of it on the descending hill." For a more extended history of Prof. Benjamin Silliman, see "*Life of Benjamin Silliman*," by Prof. G. P. Fisher, of Yale College, in two vols. 12 mo.

CCCLXXVI.

In
Memory of
Mr. JUDSON STURGES,
who departed this life
Decr. 12 A. D. 1782 aged
34 years.

and of his son
HENRY J. STURGES,
who died at Kingston
Jamaica Decr 25th A. D. 1793
aged 13 years.
(F. S.)

CCCLXXVII.

In memory of
ABIGAIL NICHOLS
widow of
Allen Nichols
who died
Dec 30, 1831,
aged 62 years.
Also of
Allen Nichols,
who died
in Boston,
Nov. 1803.
aged 40 years.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—Allen Nichols invested his means in a large vessel for coasting, which was a resource of great revenue at that era; but unfortunately it was captured by the French privateers and proved irreparably lost to him. The following year he died of yellow fever, in Boston, leaving a widow and three small children.

CCCLXXVIII.

In Memory of
Capt. HEZEKIAH STURGES
who died April 27th
1792
In the 67th Year
of his Age.

NOTE.—Capt. Hezekiah Sturges was the son of Solomon Sturges, who was killed in cold blood by the British, July 9, 1779, and whose body probably lies in these grounds. When he heard the British had landed, he called for his horse, which, being brought, he mounted and started for his cattle, which were near the beach, with the hope of rescuing them from plunder. The British seeing him, a soldier fired and wounded him so that he was unable to retain his hold on the horse, so crawling under a tree, another British soldier run him through with a bayonet, thus terminating his existence. Solomon left three sons: Hezekiah, Joseph and Judson; they were grandsons of John Sturges, born about 1624 or 1625 and died in 1700; in all probability he also lies in this ground. Joseph died on board a prison ship in New York. He was born June 25, 1738, and married Sarah, daughter of Ebenezer Dimon, and had six children. Hezekiah was a farmer of goodly estate, his residence was in the rear of the spreading elm on Miss Mary Nichols' premises. The enemy met here and had a bountiful repast after the inmates fled for safety, after gratifying their appetites they burnt to the ground all that was left. During the following winter Hezekiah Sturges drew timber from the distant woods and built anew. In this house was space devised and employed for religious purposes, the Episcopalians being permitted to hold their services here till they could erect a church edifice, which was located a few rods distant. He was a man loyal to his country and to his church.

CCCLXXIX.

In memory of
Mrs ABIGAIL STURGES
Relict of
Capt. HEZEKIAH STURGES.
who died Novr 21st.
1803.
in the 71st year
of her age.

(F. S.)

CCCLXXX.

H. & W.
HERE LYES Y^E BODY
OF M^R. JOHN WHEELER
JUN^R DEC^D FEBRUARY
Y^E 19TH 1 7 2 5–6
IN Y^E 32^D YEAR
OF HIS AGE.

(B. S.)

CCCLXXXI.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Mrs LIDY WHEELER
Confort to Lef^t.
JOHN WHEELER
who departed this
Life November ye 12th
A. D. 1747 in the 57th
Year of her Age.

(F. S.)

CCCLXXXII.

H. & W.
In Memory of Lef^t
JOHN WHEELER
who departed this
Life March the 19th
A. D. 1754 in the 92
Year of his Age.

(F. S.)

CCCLXXXIII.

In Memory of
Mrs. Deborah Wheeler
Wife of
Capt Ichabod Wheeler
who departed this Life
May 5th 1799
in the 69th year of
her age.
A Sincere Christian.
(W. M.)

CCCLXXXIV.

In memory of
Capt. Ichabod Wheeler
who died Sept. 14th
1806
in the 81st year of
his age.
But Oh! the Soul never dies.

CCCLXXXV.

In
Memory of
Mrs Lydia Wheeler
Wife of
Mr John Wheeler
who departed this
Life May 24th 1799,
in the 29th year
of her age.
(W. M.)

CCCLXXXVI.

HERE LYES YE BODY OF
GRACE STARLIN DAUGTR.
OF MR WILLIAM & MRS
ABIGALL STARLIN; WHO
DIED JANRY 17TH 1743
IN YE THS YEAR OF HER AGE.

CCCLXXXVII.

H. & W.
Here lies Buried ye Body of
Mrs. MARTHA BUDINGTON
wife of Mr EDWARD
BUDINGTON, who departed
this Life April ye 7th
1 7 5 9 in the 55th
Year of her Age.
(B. S.)

CCCLXXXVIII.

In
memory of
ELIZABETH B.
daughter of
Jasen and Catharine Gould
who departed this life
June 19th 1812
in the 18th year of her
age.

In
memory of
WILLIAM
son of
Jasen and Catharine Gould
who departed this life
Auguft 7th 1812,
in the 13th year of his
age.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—(See No. CCCLIV.)

CCCLXXXIX.

H. & W.
HERE LYES BURIED
THE BODY OF
MR. ISAAC FREEMAN
DECD MAY YE 21T. 1732
IN THE 46TH YEAR
OF HIS AGE.
(F. S.)

CCCXC.

In
memory of
LOTHROP
LEWIS Esq.
who departed this
Life Nov'r 23d 1773
in his 72d year.

CCCXCI.

H. & W.
HERE LYES BURIED
THE BODY OF
MRS SARAH LEWIS WIFE
to MR LATHROP LEWIS
WHO DIED MAY 15th 1756,
IN THE 52D YEAR OF HER AGE.
(F. S.)

CCCXCII.

H. & W.
In memory of
SARAH OSBORN, the Daughter of
LOTHROP LEWIS, A. M. and Wife of
SETH OSBORN, She was born June
28th A. D. 1735 O. S. & departed this
Life July ye 2d A. D. 1751 N. S.
Æt 18.

Thrice happy she tho' cover'd with Dust.
Her better Part triumphs among the just.

(F. S.)

CCCXCIII.

Here Lyes Buried
the Body of
Mr SETH OSBORN,
Who departed this Life
February the 16th 1774 in
ye 47th Year of His Age.

CCCXCIV.

Mr Sturgis
Lewis,

(F. S.)

NOTE.—This is probably a foot-stone, the head-stone is missing.

CCCXCV.

H. & W.
Here lies buried
the Body of
Mr PETER STURGIS,
who departed this Life
May 6th. 1757,
in the 72d. Year of His Age.

(F. S.)

CCCXCVI.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Mrs. HANNAH STURGES, Widow
of Mr. PETER STURGES;
Who departed this Life
Auguft the 6th 1771 in ye
80th Year of Her Age.
(F. S.)

CCCXCVII.

In Memory
of
The Revd NOAH HOBART
A. M.
Ordained Pastor of the first
Church of Christ in Fairfield
February 7th 1732
In which Station
He served God and his Generation
With Fidelity and UfEFULLNEfs
Until December 6th 1773,
When he was taken
From the approaching troubles
To receive
The mercy of God thro' Christ

Remember them who have spoken unto you
the Word of God whose Faith follow.

NOTE.—Rev. Noah Hobart, suggested as a colleague to Rev. Joseph Webb in his old age, was called to be his successor by vote of the society. Mr. Hobart was well versed in the learned languages, deeply read in history, philosophy and theology. His preaching was sound, experimental and instructive. He published treatises in regard to several controversies which agitated the Churches. His works now extant prove him to have been among the most eminent divines and controversialists of his time. He was also a Fellow of Yale College. During his ministry, the meeting house was built which was consumed at the burning of the town. This was his only pastoral charge. In the church record is the following: "The Revd. Noah Hobart was born at Hingham, in the Massachusetts Jany. 2d, 1705-6, old stile, and was ordained to the pastoral charge of this church, Feby. 17th, 1732-3. There were baptised during his ministry, 909 persons."

CCCXCVIII.

H. & W.
HERE LYES BURIED
THE BODY OF
MRS. ELLEN HOBART WIFE TO
THE REVD MR. NOAH HOBART
DIED AUGUST 4TH A. D. 1753
IN THE 43D YEAR OF HER AGE.
(F. S.)

CCCXCIX.

H. & W.
To
THE MEMORY OF
NOAH HOBART
Son of Noah &
Ellen Hobart
Born June 18, 1743,
Died Sept 12 1747.
Of such is the
Kingdom of God.
(F. S.)

CCCC.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of
Mrs SARAH SLOSS
who died Octr. the 4th
1 7 5 6
in the 49th Year of Her Age.
(B, S.)

CCCCI.

In
memory of
Sarah, wife of
Samuel Sturges,
who died
Feb 12, 1823,
in her 42 year.

(W. M.)

CCCCII.

H. & W.
HERE LYES BURIED
THE BODY OF
MR ANTHONY NOUGUIER
WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE OCTOBER THE 23D
1740 IN THE 86TH
YEAR OF HIS AGE.

(B. S.)

CCCCIII.

H. & W.
HERE LYES BURIED
THE BODY OF
MRS JANE NOUGUIER WIFE
TO MR. ANTHONY NOUGUIER
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
OCTR THE 24TH 1739 IN THE
87TH YEAR OF HER AGE.

(B. S.)

CCCCIV.

H. & W.

Here lies buried the Body of
Mrs Ann Silliman who was first
the Wife of Mr. Daniel Wilson
and after his deceafe was married to
Capt. John Silliman now decd. She
departed this Life. Augt. 14th 1756
in the 70th Year of her Age.

(B. S.)

(See No. XXVIII.)

CCCCV.

H. & W.

HERE LIES BURIED
YE BODY OF MR
DANIEL WILSON
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
AUGT. 16TH ANNO DOMNI 1739
IN YE 55TH YEAR OF HIS AGE.

(B. S.)

CCCCVI.

HERE LYES YE
Body of
JOHN noICe
WHO DeCeseD
APRIL 7 1741
AGED 16 &

Note.—The latter part of the date is obliterated.

CCCCVII.

In
Memory of
Abigail Sturges
wife of
Jud. Sturges.
who died Aug. 25
1816. A. E. 68.

(W. M.)

CCCCVIII.

Capt
JONATHAN MALTBIE,
died Febr. 11th
1798
Aged 55 Years.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—Capt. Jonathan Maltbie owned the "colonial house" now occupied by Judge Edmond Hobart. During his residence there the burning of Fairfield occurred, when the family fled back into the cedars and subsisted on sweet apples until the British evacuated the town. This house was reserved for a cook house, and when the family returned they found all their valuable china scooped from the shelves on to the floor and broken into pieces. In the kitchen, in the fire-place hung a large brass kettle filled with hams, which the Maltbies did not venture to eat, fearing poison, so they started anew with provisions and crockery. Capt. Maltbie was a sea captain in the East India trade. He was grandfather of the present Mr. Henry Rowland, of Fairfield.

CCCCIX.

Mrs.
ELIZABETH MALTBIE
Widow of
Capt.
JONATHAN MALTBIE
died March 14th
1799
Aged 50 Years.
(W. M.)

CCCCX.

In
Memory of
Mrs LUCRETIA BIBBINS,
wife of Mr ELIJAH BIBBINS,
who died July 1. 1819;
aged 49 ye. 9mo. & 26 da.
(W. M.)

CCCCXI.

In
Memory of
ISRAEL BIBBINS Esq.
who died
June 15, 1822,
in the 75 year
of his age.
(W. M.)

CCCCXII.

In
Memory of
Mrs HANNAH BIBBINS
wife of
ISRAEL BIBBINS Esq.
Who died Aug 7, 1819,
in the 75 year of
her age.

CCCCXIII.

In
memory of
SARAH OSBOURN
who died
April 21, 1835.
aged 73 years.
(W. M.)

CCCCXIV.

MABLE.
wife of
Seth Osborn
died June 13, 1807
Æ 77.
(W. M.)

CCCCXV.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried the
Body of Mrs Jerusha
Sturgis, Widow of Mr
Jonathan Sturgis,
Who Departed this life
Febry. 16th Anno Doml. 1745
in ye 62d Year of her Age.
(F. S.)

CCCCXVI.

HERE LYES BURIED
THE BODY OF
MR JONATHAN STURGIS
DIED MAY YE 8TH 1744
IN THE 65TH YEAR
OF HIS AGE.
(B. S.)

CCCCXVII.

In
memory of
Elijah
Middlebrook
who died
Sept 22, 1824,
aged 17 years
& 7 mo.
(W. M.)

CCCCXVIII.

In

Memory of

JOSEPH PERRY 3,

who died

April 11, 1829.

aged 42 years

& 7 months.

(W. M.)

CCCCXIX.

Mary,

Second daughter of

Seth &

Catherine Perry.

died on wednesday

12 Oclock at noon

Oct. 6, 1819,

aged 4 years

11 months

& 16 days.

(W. M.)

CCCCXX.

Memory of
JOSEPH PERRY
who died
Dec. 21, 1829,
In the 76 year
of his age.

(W. M.)

CCCCXXI.

H. & W.
Here Lyes Buried
the body of Mr.
NATHAN JENNINGS
Who Departed this
Life May 12th. 1757 in
ye 47th. Year of his Age.

(B. S.)

CCCCXXII.

D. J. (Monogram.)
In Memory of
Mr. DAVID JENNINGS
who died Augt. 11th
1806
In the 70th year
of his age.

(F. S.)

CCCCXXIII.

ELNATHAN
SANFORD,
AGED 9 YEARS
WHO DYED
APRIL 26,
1727.
(C. S.)

CCCCXXIV.

H. & W.
HERE LYES YE BODY OF
MR EZEKIEL SANFORD
AGED 62 YEARS
DECD. MARCH YE 2D
1728-9.
(B. S.)

CCCCXXV.

In
memory of
Miss
Hannah Biblins
who died
March 23, 1824.
in her 42 year.
(W. M.)

CCCCXXVI.

E. S. (Monogram.)
In Memory of
Mr. Ebenezer Squire,
who died Decr. 2d.
1803
in the 50th. year
of his age.
(F. S.)

CCCCXXVII.

HANNAH JENNINGS
Wife of
Levi Jennings:
died May 24, 1814:
in the 35 year
of her age
To hoom this Monument is erected.
(W. M.)

CCCCXXVIII.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
ye Body of Mr.
John Staples Junr.
Who Died June 27th
Anno Domnl. 1737 in ye
36th Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

CCCCXXIX.

H. & W. '
Here lyes Buried
ye Body of
Mr. JOHN STAPLES;
Who Departed this Life
Feby. 19th A. D. 1747-8 in ye
88th Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

CCCCXXX.

THEODORE LYMAN,
Son of Justin & Martha
Lyman, was born at
(Northampton Mass.)
June 22, 1790. & died at
Fairfield, Conn., Oct 8, 1812,

——:o:——

A father's fond affection has
erected this Monument to the
Memory of the last survivor
of his Family—a wife and
four Children.

——:o:——

Just entering in to life
with the fairest prospects,
he falls, and thus fpeaks
to his friends, be ye also ready.

T Hill. Norwalk.

CCCCXXXI.

U. & W.

In

memory of

ANNE, wife of

Wilson Wheeler,

who died

May 25, 1824;

aged 62 years.

(W. M.)

Note.—Capt. Wilson Wheeler probably was lost at sea.

CCCCXXXII.

Samuel Smedley Esq.

late Collector of Customs

for the District of Fairfield

died June 13, 1812.

Aged 59.

(W. M.)

Note.—Fairfield was once a port of entry: the custom house was kept one time on Greenfield Hill, in the house occupied by Mr. Barzilla Banks. Afterwards it was in a building in. Bridgeport, west of Park Ave., formerly Division St.; when that street separated Fairfield and Bridgeport. Samuel Smedley owned the residence now occupied by Mr. Henry J. Beers.

CCCCXXXIII.

Col. James Smedley,

Died Novem^{r} 4th 1771,

in the 67th Year

of his Age.

(F. S.)

CCCCXXXIV.

H. & W.

HERE LIES BURIED THE
BODY OF JAMES SMEDLEY
SON TO Mr. JAMES AND
Mrs JANE SMEDLEY,
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
JULY 5th. A. D. 1755 IN THE
16th YEAR OF HIS AGE.
(B. S.)

CCCCXXXV.

H. & W.

HERE LYES BURIED ye
BODY of Mrs JANE
SMEDLEY, WIFE TO Mr.
JAMES SMEDLEY
WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE Sept 21ft ANNO
DOMI 1747 IN ye 44th
Year of Her Age.
(B. S.)

CCCCXXXVI.

Here
Mrs. MARY SMED
to Colo. JAMES SMEDLEY
Who departed this Life
Sept ye 12th 1766 in ye
58th Year of Her Age.
(B. S.)

NOTE.—This stone is blue slate, but part of the inscription has scaled off.

CCCCXXXVII.

H. & W.
HERE LYES Ye BODY
OF Mr JOSEPH STURGIS
DECD MAY Ye 12th
1 7 2 8 .
IN Ye 75th YEAR
OF HIS AGE.
(B. S.)

NOTE.—This stone is broken in two. Joseph Sturgis was son of John Sturgis, the first freeman of the Sturgis name in this line. He married Deborah Barlow, and they were the parents of at least seven children. This Joseph was one of them. He married (1,) Sarah Judson; (2,) Mary Sherwood, and was the father of at least 12 children, of whom Solomon (See CCCLXXVIII) was one of the elder ones.

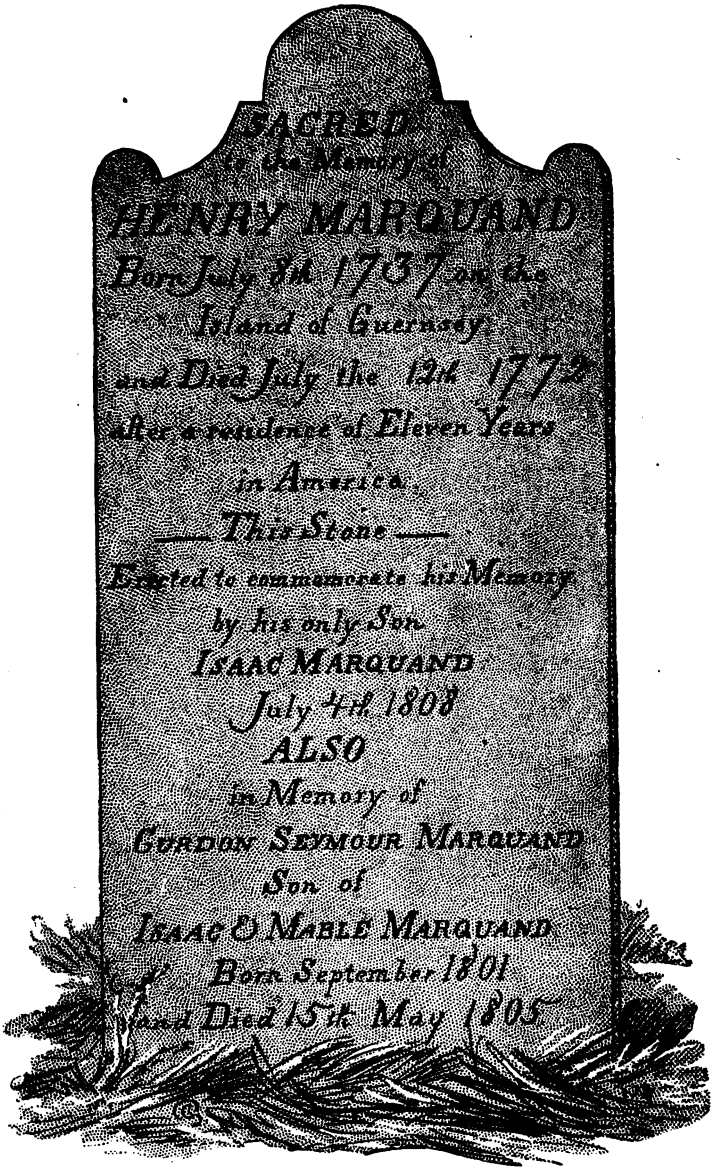
CCCCXXXVIII.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried the
Body of Mrs. MARY
STURGIS, WIDOW of Mr.
JOSEPH STURGIS
Who departed this Life
July ye 9th Anno Domni 1746
in ye 77th Year of her Age.
(B. S.)

CCCCXXXIX.

H. & W.
Here lies Buried
the Body of Mr.
ISAAC JENNINGS
Who departed this Life
July 10th Anno Domi 1746 in ye
73d Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

NOTE.—See Note to No. CCCCXCVI.


SACRED
to the Memory of
HENRY MARQUAND
Born July 3d 1737 on the
Island of Guernsey
and Died July the 12th 1772
after a residence of Eleven Years
in America.
This Stone
Erected to commemorate his Memory
by his only Son
ISAAC MARQUAND
July 4th 1808
ALSO
in Memory of
GORDON SEYMOUR MARQUAND
Son of
ISAAC & MABLE MARQUAND
Born September 1801
and Died 15th May 1805

CCCCXL.

H. & W.

Here Lies Buried ye Body
of Mr Isaac Jennings
who departed this Life
March 16th 1 7 6 0.
Aged 58 Years.

(B. S.)

CCCCXLI.

H. & W.

David Son of
Willm & Mary
Lievsay died,
August ye 3rd
1 7 5 3 in ye 2nd
year of his age.

(B. S.)

CCCCXLII.

(W. M.)

Note.—Henry Marquand, —a fac-simile of whose head-stone is given on opposite page,—married the widow of Capt. John Redfield; the latter built the "Colonial house" at present occupied by Mr. D. M. Redfield. Henry Marquand probably died in this house. His son Isaac married Mabel, daughter of Peter Perry—They were the parents of Frederic, founder of Marquand Chapel at Yale College, New Haven, and Henry G., founder of Marquand Chapel at Princeton, N. J. There were eleven children, of whom the above named are identified with the financial and educational interests of the Country.

CCCCXLIII.

In
Memory of

Andrew Rowland Esq,

who died

July 26, 1802.

Æ 65.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Andrew Rowland, a graduate from Yale, was a lawyer, State's Attorney, Judge of Probate and Justice of the Peace. He built the "Colonial" now occupied by Benjamin Betts. His tombstone is very plain, in accordance with his will, which reads: "I order my executors to inter my body in a Christian manner, that there be no funerel sermon nor pall-bearers. I order there be no pres nts given on that occasion, and desire there be no enlogium or panegyric from pulpit or otherwise, at any time whatever; in my opinion, they do no good. I direct an inscription on my grave-stone to contain the month and day and year of my death, and the year of my age." (See Probate Records, Vol. 1799, page 558. date 30th, Sept. 1801.) The inscriptions to the whole family are equally free from epitaphs or eu'ogy. Andrew and Elizabeth Rowland were the grand-parents of Mr. Henry Rowland of the firm Rowland & Co.. N. Y.

CCCCXLIV.

ELIZABETH ROWLAND,

the widow of

ANDREW ROWLAND, Esq,

and daughter of the

late Governor Fitch

of this State;

died March 29, 1825,

in her 87 year.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Mrs. Elizabeth Rowland was one of the heroines of Fairfield. When the British entered the town to devastate and despoil it, she remained faithful at her post, but the other inmates fled; when the British officer with men to "touch the match" to their dwelling approached, she had full presence of mind, and by it their home stands to the present, (1881.) She told the officer of a favor she had done years before to one of his countrymen, and her house was spared. Her father Thomas Fitch, Governor of the Colony of Conn., was a man of ability, large acquirements and excellent character. His daughter did honor to her ancestor. His remains rest in Norwalk where he died July 18, 1774. Samuel Rowland, one of the sons of Andrew and Elizabeth Rowland, a graduate of Yale, was prepared for College under the celebrated Dr. Dwight, at Greenfield Hill. He was a lawyer, town clerk for a period of 42 years, and turnpike surveyor to New York State line.

CCCCXLV.

ANDREW ROWLAND
died Dec. 25, 1809
in his 34 year.
JAMES ROWLAND M. D.
lost at Sea on the
24, Aug. 1 8 0 6 ,
in his 26 year,
Sons of
ANDREW ROWLAND ESQ.
(W. M.)

CCCCXLVI.

In
Memory of
Elizabeth White,
who was born
Feb 22. 1785, & died
August 28, 1794.
(W. M.)

CCCCXLVII.

In
memory of
JOSEPH BULKLEY
who died
June 2, 1815
aged 60 years.
(W. M.)

CCCCXLVIII.

H. & W.

REBECCA	JAMES	SARAH
FREMAN AGED	FREMAN AGED	FREMAN AGED
2 YEARS &	2 YEARS &	5 YEARS 6 m°.
8 D^s. DEC^D.	10 D^s. DEC^D.	& 7 D^s. DEC^D.
FEB^RY ye 4th	Feb^ry. ye 6th	FEB^RY ye 7th
1725-6	1725-6	1725-6

Y^e CHILDREN OF ISAAC & BETHIAH FREMAN.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—(See No. CCCLXXXIX).

CCCCXLIX.

In
memory of
CAPT DAVID BEERS
who died
May 3, 1826,
in his 81,
year.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Capt. David Beers was the the son of David Beers, (CCCCLI.) and father of the present David Beers on Mill Plain. Capt. David Beers built the Beers' Homestead on Mill Plain—occupied (1881,) by Miss Abby Beers.

CCCCL.

In
Memory of
Mr Jonathan Beers
who died
June 7, 1813;
in the 54 year
of his age.

NOTE.—Jonathan Beers was also a son of CCCCLI. He and his brother Aaron (See CCCCLII), both died of typhus fever, which was an epidemic in Fairfield.

CCCCLI.

D. B. (Monogram.)

In Memory of

Mr. David Beers

who departed this life

May 9th 1808

in the 92d year

of his age.

Note.—David Beers was the great grand-son of James, the first Beers settler in Fairfield in 1659. (See CLXXII).

CCCCLII.

In

Memory of

AARON BEERS

who died

June 11, 1813

in the 63 year

of his age.

CCCCLIII.

(Not intelligible.)

Note.—Some parties erected stones which probably were recongized by friends for a generation or so and then were lost to the memory of the living. Again, some carved initials simply, which are but blanks to this and future generations.

CCCCLIV.

In
Memory of
Capt Peter Whitney
who died Nov. 7, 1790,
in his 46 year.
and
Mrs Grace Robins
wife of Ephraim Robbins
and formerly the wife of
Capt. Peter Whitney,
died Oct. 7, 1820
in her 51 year.
Peter, son of Peter &
Grace Whitney
was lost at sea, as is supposed
Aug 1806
in his 16 year.
(W. M.)

CCCCLV.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Mrs. Elizabeth Dimon
Widow of
Capt John Dimon
Who departed this Life
Febry 8th 1786,
In the 84th Year
of her Age.
(F. S.)

CCCCLVI.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of Capt.
JOHN DIMON
Who departed this Life
May ye 4th 1764 in y^{e}
64th Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

CCCCLVII.

D. D. (Monogram.)
In Memory of
Mr DANIEL DIMON
who departed this life
Septr 6th 1808
in the 62^{d} year
of his age.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—Daniel Dimon was a builder. There are certainly three houses standing, built under his supervision; his own, a "Colonial" which stands on the premises of Marvin Hull, Mill Plain; the dwelling of O. W. Jones, of Fairfield, and the "Peter Burr House." He also built the Fourth Congregational Church in 1785, which was torn down in 1849 to give place for the present structure. Mrs. Sophia Edwards, daughter of O. W. Jones, preserved its memory in verse. During the Revolution Daniel Dimon was commissioned as an officer, and in consequence had to leave his wife a delicate woman, unprotected, to care the best she could for her family. She too deserves a monument.

CCCCLVIII.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
y^{e} Body of Capt.
MOSES DIMON;
Who Departed this Life
August 7th Anno Dom$_{i}$ 1748 in y^{e}
77 Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

CCCCLIX.

H. & W.
In Memory of
ABEL DIMON
Son of Mr. DANIEL
& Mrs LOIS DIMON
who departed this
life Decr 3d 1779
Aged 3 Years and
6 Months.

(F. S.)

CCCCLX.

MARY BANKS ALVORD,
daughter of
Nehemiah Banks &
Rana Alvord;
died Sept 15, 1819.
aged 6 years &
20 days.

Suffer little children to come
unto me and forbid them not for
of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

(W. M.)

CCCCLXI.

NEHEMIAH BANKS
son of
Nehemiah Banks
& Rana Alvord
died Aug. 20, 1824
aged 2 ye. 2 mo.
& 17 days.

Even so, it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

CCCCLXII.

HARRIETT G
daughter of
Agur T. &
Hannah P. Shute
died Sept 9, 1828.
aged 2 years 2 mo
& 14 days.
(W. M.)

CCCCLXIII.

1 7 0 7
O C 1 O
JOHN AND
DANIEL MK
DYED

NOTE.—It is a wonder who these individuals were, but the above is all that can be learned of them.

CCCCLXIV.

NOTE.—A stone with an irregular contour, but lettering gone.

The following Stones are on the left side of the entrance.

CCCCLXV.

ALBERT Son of
Mr. JOHN G. & Mrs.
ELIZABETH ALLEN
born Novr 5th 1801
died July 18th 1805
aged 3 years 8 months
& 13 days.
(F. S.)

CCCCLXVI.

ELIZABETH ALLEN
daughter of
John G &
Elizabeth Allen,
born
Jan. 9, 1815,
died
Apr. 19, 1832.

The Lord is my Shepherd;
I shall not want,
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures
He leadeth me by still waters.

(W. M.)

CCCCLXVII.

JOHN G. ALLEN,
departed this life
Oct. 8, 1842;
in the 73 year
of *his age.*
(W. M.)

CCCCLXVIII.

In
memory of
SARAH
wife of
Samuel Staples,
who died
July 9, 1847,
Æ. 71 y'rs.
(W. M.)

CCCCLXIX.

In

memory of

ISABELLA TRUBEE

wife of

Ansel Trubee

who died

March 16, 1836,

aged 91.

(W. M.)

CCCCLXX.

In

memory of

Ansel Trubee,

who died

Dec. 25, 1823,

aged 76 years

7 months.

(W. M.)

CCCCLXXI.

In
Memory of
Charlotte wife of
David Trubee,
who died
Feb. 29. 1808.
aged 21 years
& 2 mo.
Also
Rebekah, an infant daughr.
Æ 10 days.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Others of the Trubee family lie in the East ground.

CCCCLXXII.

Urn and Weeping Willow.
In
memory of
CAPT.
CHRISTOPHER SMITH,
aged 40 years;
a native of Hanson,
Massachusetts, who was
lost from on board the
Sloop Eliza Nichols, on her
passage from New Bedford
to New York
the 4, of Jan.
A. D. 1823.

(W. M.)

CCCCLXXIII.

Beneath
this stone are
the remains of
JULIA LYNCH SPRING
the daughter of
Gardiner &
Susan Spring
of the city of New York
who died Aug. 16,
1825; aged 11 months.
Out of the mouth of babes and
sucklings thou hast perfected
praise.

NOTE.—Dr. Gardiner Spring is well remembered as the pastor of a Presbyterian Congregation in New York City for a period of 63 years. He had held that position 15 years, when on making a stay in Fairfield, this daughter died. The present convenience for conveying the dead were then unknown, so she was interred in this ground.

CCCCLXXIV.

Urn and Weeping Willow.
In
Memory of
SARAH SHERWOOD
wife of
STEPHEN SHERWOOD
who died
June 13. 1817:
aged 58 years.
(W. M.)

CCCCLXXV.

In
Memory of
SAMUEL DARLING,
fon of
James & Betsy Waring:
who departed this life
June 12th, A. D. 1812
Aged 10 Months
and 26 days.
(F. S.)

CCCCLXXVI.

SARAH ELIZABETH
daughter of
Paul &
Sarah McCann
died Jan 24. 1826,
aged 4 months
12 days.

Their infant cries, their tender age,
His pity and his love engage:
He clasps them in his arms, and there
He cures them with parental care.

(W. M.)

CCCCLXXVII.

——— TURNEY
wife of
Levi Turney.
died Aug 24. 1825
aged 32 years.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—This stone is of white marble; but the first name is entirely obliterated.

CCCCLXXVIII.

In
Memory of
JOHN PIERSONS
who died Oct. 30, 1822
aged 73 years.
(W. M.)

CCCCLXXIX.

Henrietta,
daughter of
Joseph &
Chloe Bulkley,
died July 26, 1819
aged 1 year &
8 months.
(W. M.)

CCCCLXXX.

Caroline S.
daughter of
Joseph &
Chloe Bulkley,
died May 3, 1818;
aged 5 years &
3 months.
(W. M.)

CCCCLXXXI.

P. B. (Monogram.)

Here Lyes Buried
the body of Mr.
PETER BULKLEY
Who Departed this Life
Octor ye 15th A. D. 1752 in
ye 69th Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—This Peter Bulkley III, was the son of Peter Bulkley II, of Fairfield. The latter came hither with his mother, and settled here, and was by profession a physician, and was the grandson of the Rev. Peter Bulkley I, of Concord, Mass; the latter was of the tenth generation from Robert Bulkley, Esq., one of the English barons in 1216, and Lord of the manor of Bulkley in the County of Chester, England. Peter Bulkley III, left a large estate which was divided among his nine children. He married Hannah, daughter of Samuel Ward, of Mill Plain.

CCCCLXXXII.

NANCY
wife of
Henry S. Bulkeley,
DIED
March 22, 1856,
Æ 62.

(W. M.)

CCCCLXXXIII.

HENRY S. BULKELEY.
DIED
Oct. 30, 1855
Æ 80.

(W. M.)

CCCCLXXXIV.

HANNAH BULKLEY
DIED
MARCH 30. 1851.
Æ 77 yrs. & 7 mo.
(W. M.)

CCCCLXXXV.

In
memory of
ABIGAIL BULKLEY
who died
Sept. 13, 1847,
Æ 77.
(W. M.)

CCCCLXXXVI.

In
memory of
THOMAS BULKELEY
who died
May 30. 1836.
aged 63 years.

NOTE.—See note to DIII.

CCCCLXXXVII.

NOTE.—Common Stone containing nothing intelligible nor conjectural.

CCCCLXXXVIII.

ELIZABETH H.

daughter of

Jonathan &

Elizabeth Godfrey,

born March 6. 1825,

died Aug. 12, 1826.

aged 1 year,

5 months & 6 days.

'Tis God that lifts our comforts high
Or sinks them in the grave;
He gives and blessed be his name
He takes but what he gives.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Other members of Capt. Godfrey's family are interred in Oak Lawn.

CCCCLXXXIX.

HANNAH

Daughter of

Thomas &

Martha Staples

died Dec. 8, 1814.

aged 18 years.

(W. M.)

CCCCXC.

ELEN

Daughter of

Thomas &

Martha Staples

died Oct 3, 1813.

aged 20 years.

(W. M.)

CCCCXCI.

WALTER STAPLES
died May 25. 1813,
aged 27 years.
(W. M.)

CCCCXCII.

THOMAS STAPLES
died Feb. 9, 1815;
aged 54 years.

CCCCXCIII.

In
Memory of
Martha, wife of
Thomas Staples,
who died June 8. 1820
aged 62 years.

CCCCXCIV.

NOTE.—Probably the head-stone is missing—these stones were reset a few years ago, and some may have been destroyed or not replaced, or were too much broken to be restored.

CCCCXCV.

F. & W.

Here Lyes Buried
the Body of Mr.
JOSEPH BULKLEY.
Who Departed this life
May 6th A. D. 1750 Aged 68
Years wanting 3 Days.
(B. S.)

NOTE.—This Joseph Bulkley was the son of Joseph and Martha *Beers* Bulkley, and inherited a good estate.

CCCCXCVI.

H. & W.

HERE LYES Ye BODY
OF Mrs SARAH JENNINGS
WIFE TO Mr JOSHUA
JENNINGS AGED 31
YEARS, DEC Sepr Ye
17th 1 7 2 4 .
(B. S.)

NOTE.—Joshua was a name common among the early Jennings settlers. They have numerous descendants scattered through the country. The name is usually identified with industry, thrift and prosperity.

CCCCXCVII.

H. & W.

HERE LYES YE BODY
OF MRS ESTHER BULKLY
YE WIFE OF MR JOSEPH
BULKLY AGED 42 YEARS
1 MONTH & 19 DAYS
DEPARTED THIS LIFE
MARCH YE 18TH 1725-6.
(B. S.)

CCCCXCVIII.

In Memory of
NATHAN BULKLEY Esqr.,
who died April 6th
A. D. 1793,
In the 76th year
of his Age.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—Nathan Bulkley was a son of Joseph, (No. CCCCXCV.) and Esther Bulktey, (No. CCCCXCVII.) He was deacon in the Congregational Church; a prominent man in town affairs, and Town Clerk for 32 consecutive years. He married Sarah, daughter of Joseph Perry, I. At the burning of Fairfield Nathan Bulkley owned the "Colonial home" which descending to the second wife of the late Dr. J. T. Denison, is yet standing and in good repair.

CCCCXCIX.

In Memory of
M^{rs}. SARAH BULKLEY
Relict of
NATHAN BULKLEY Efq.
who died Decr 27th
1798.
Aged 72 Years.

(F. S.)

D.

M^{rs}. ABIGAIL BULKLEY
Relict of
M^{r}. PETER BULKLEY
died Jany. 12th 1795
Æt 92.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—She is the oldest person found in this ground.

DI.

H. & W.
Here Lyes Buried
ye Body of
M^r. PETER BULKLEY
Who Departed this life
July 18th. Anno Dom^i 1753
in.ye 70 Year of His Age.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—This Peter Bulkley lived in what was known as the Bulkley house, which stood on the site of the residence of John Glover, Esq. This house stood nearly 200 years; when built it was necessary to clear away the forest trees. It is not readily determined which was the original Bulkley house, as there were three of them; one opposite the burial ground, the Denison premises and the Glover site, but Mr. Barber in his "Connecticut Historical Collections" is inclined to locate it on the Glover site.

DII.

Mr JONATHAN BULKELEY
Son of
M^r. PETER BULKELEY
Died April 13th. A. D. 1789
In the 57th Year
of his Age.
Man is but man,
And must fall;
This life is naught,
Eternity is all.
(F. S.)

DIII.

MRS HANNAH BULKELEY
wife of
Mr Jonathan Bulkeley:
died March 4, 1817:
aged 76 years.

NOTE.—Mrs. Hannah Bulkeley was a daughter of James Hoyt of Norwalk. Her brother, said to be George Hoyt, was a naval officer who had charge of the British ships and piloted them to Fairfield. He requested Tryon to spare the house of his sister at the burning of the town. Tryon acquiesced, and feeling indebted to her brother, informed her that if there was any other house she

wished to save she should be gratified; accordingly four neighboring ones escaped destruction. Gov. Tryon used this house for his headquarters; having occasion to leave for a short time, a Hessian soldier took advantage of his absence, and coming into it, he saw a gold ring on the finger of this Mrs. Hannah Bulkeley which he demanded of her, with the threat that if she refused he would cut off her finger: she refusing, he seized her hand and tore the ring off with such violence that part of the flesh was stript from her finger. She was badly treated by the soldiery, who plundered her house, stripped the buckles from her shoes and fired the house five times before leaving it. Jonathan and Hannah *Hoyt* Bulkeley were probably the parents of CCCCLXXXIII, CCCCLXXXIV, CCCCXXXV and CCCCXXXVI, the names of the deceased and dates corresponding with that family.

DIV.

In
Memory of
Mrs. HANNAH BURR
wife of
Mr. Ebenezer Burr;
who died
July 23, 1818
aged 91 years.
(W. M.)

DV.

In
memory of
JONATHAN BULKLEY
who died
March 24, 1830,
aged 63 years.
(W. M.)

DVI.

In
memory of
ELIZABETH, wife of
EDWARD STURGES,
who died
Sept 28, 1826.
aged 59.
(W. M.)

DVII.

In
memory of
EDWARD STURGES
who died
Aug 25, 1826,
aged 63 years.
(B. S.)

DVIII.

H. & W.
Here lies Buried
the Body of Capt.
ABRAHAM MOREHOUSE
who Departed this Life
May ye 3^{d} 1761.
In the 61st Year
of his Age.
(B. S.)

DIX.

H. & W.
In memory of
Mr SAMUEL MOREHOUSE
who departed this Life
*April the 5th* 1773 in y^e^
49th Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

DX.

H. & W.
In memory of
Miff LOIS JENNINGS,
Dau^tr^. to M^r^. MATTHEW
& Mrs REBEKAH JENNINGS
who departed this life
February ye 26th A. D.
1775 in ye 14th Year
of her age.
(F. S.)

DXI.

F. & W.
In Memory of
M^rs^. RUTH MOREHOUSE
Wife of M^r^.
SAMUEL MOREHOUSE
who Departed this
Life April ye 28th A. D.
1775 in ye 56th Year
of her Age.
(F. S.)

DXII.

H. & W.
In memory of
Mr Michel Jennings
son of Mr Matthew
& Mrs Rebeckah
Jennings, who
Departed this Life
October ye 7th A. D.
1776 in the 20th Year
of his age.
(F. S.)

DXIII.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Mrs. Lois Burr
Wife of
Mr. Ozias Burr Junr
and Daughter of
Mr. Matthew & Mrs.
Rebecca Jennings
who departed this Life
May 12th 1797
Aged 21 years & 6 months.
(F. S.)

Note.—Ozias Burr married (2), Elizabeth Couch, of Redding. He died Aug. 15, 1845 in Worthington, Ohio.

DXIV.

In Memory of
Mrs. Rebekah Jennings
Relict of
Mr. Mathew Jennings
who died July 17th
1816
in the 79th year
of her age.
(F. S.)

DXV.

F. & W.
In Memory of
Mr. MATTHEW JENNINGS
who departed this life
May 27th 1797
In the 67th Year
of his Age.
(F. S.)

DXVI.

In Memory of
Mr. MICHAEL JENNINGS
who died Decr 18th
1811
aged 35 years.
(W. M.)

DXVII.

In
memory of
URIAH MOREHOUSE
who died
Jan 27, 1827,
aged 87 years.
(W. M.)

DXVIII.

B. M. (Monogram.)

In Memory of
Mrs. Beulah Wife of
Mr. Uriah Morehouse
who died Octr 27th
1813
in the 67th year
of her age.

Note.—Uriah Morehouse built a "Colonial house" about 1773. It belonged to the late John G. Morehouse, Esq.

DXIX.

SARAH BULKLEY
daughter of
Nathan &
Sarah Bulkley
died
Mar. 7, 1839,
aged 71 years.
(W. M.)

DXX.

DAVID JUDSON
died
March 3, A. D. 1841,
aged 83 years
& 6 mos.
(W. M.)

Note.—David Judson was from Stratford; he married Esther, daughter of Nathan and Sarah Bulkley. On Nathan Bulkley's resignation, from ill health, David Judson was chosen deacon of the Cong. Church. He was a prominent man in various ways, being postmaster, a founder and treasurer of the Academy and one of the founders of the first public library in Fairfield. Had his papers been preserved they would be invaluable concerning Fairfield history.

DXXI.

ESTHER JUDSON,
WIFE OF
DAVID JUDSON
died Sep^{t}. 6, 1843;
in the 81st year
of her age.
(W. M.)

DXXII.

Capt. JOHN WASSON
died at NEW YORK
Novr. 11th 1797,
In his 43^{d}. Year;
Was removed to this
place March 23^{d}, 1798.
(F. S.)

DXXIII.

JOHN JACKSON
WASSON
Son of
JOHN and ELIZ^{A}.
WASSON
died
Augst 11th 1794
In his 12th Year.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—The Wasson family lived opposite of Capt. John Gould's. Rev. Andrew Eliot, Jr., who settled in New Milford, married Sophia Wasson of this family. (See LXXXVII.)

DXXIV.

In
memory of
LEVI HUGG,
a native of Phila^{a}.
who departed this life
June 10th 1829
aged 41 years 5 months
& 15 days.
Also of
STURGES PERRY
only child of
Levi & Eunice Hugg,
who died in Phila^{a}.
Octr. 26th 1821,
aged 11 years 6 months
& 27 days.

I shall go to them, but they
will not return to me.
(W. M.)

DXXV.

Head, Wings, Cross bones.
HERE LYES BURIED
the Body of
ENSIGNE DANIEL MOREHOUS^{E}.
DEC^{D} MAY ye 24th
1 7 3 9
IN THE 61st YEAR
OF HIS AGE.
(B. S.)

DXXVI.

W. & U.
In
Memory of
TRUMAN E. BEARDSLEY
Son of Asahel &
Hetty Beardsley
who died Oct. 11, 1817:
aged 19 years
& 2 months.

Our life how short, a groan, a sigh,
We live and then begin to die:
Death steals upon us while we're green,
Behind us digs a grave unseen.

(W. M.)

DXXVII.

LORENA.
daughter of
Wilson &
Clara Knap:
died Dec. 3, 1817:
aged 2 years
& 11 months.

(W. M.)

DXXVIII.

W. & U.

In

memory of

Wilson Knapp

who died

Aug 12, 1822,

aged 34 years.

Behold and see while here we look
The dearest ties of friendship broke
Her grief and sorrow pierce the heart
We see the dearest friends must part.

(W. M.)

DXXIX.

W. & U.

CLARA

wife of

Alden Wilson

died July 16, 1855

Æ. 63.

Dearest Mother thou has left us,
Here thy loss we deeply feel,
But 'tis God that hath bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal,
Yet again we hope to meet thee.
When the day of life is fled,
Then in Heaven with joy to meet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed.

(W. M.)

DXXX.

Two sons of
Walter &
Betsey Bulkley
JOHN H.
died April 3, 1827,
aged 5 years
8 mo. & 6 da.
FREDERIC P.
died May 18. 1828,
aged 2 years.
2 mo. & 10 da.

NOTE.—Walter Bulkeley, son of James and Mrs. *Jarvis* Bulkeley, married Betsey Smith; he died Nov. 5, 1851. Their afflictions were wonderful; they had issue of several children and adopted some, but Mrs. Bulkeley outliving them all, spent her last days comparatively alone, or with strangers. She died in 1877 and was buried in *Oak Lawn Cemetery*. Three of her sons were lost at sea.

DXXXI.

Weeping Willows & Urn.

In
memory of
BETSEY, wife of
Abraham Benson;
who departed this life
March 14, 1830,
aged 46 yrs. 2 mo,
& 14 days.
I sought redemption through
the blood of the Lamb;
Reader! hast thou.

Jesus can make a dying bed
Full soft as downy pillows are,
While on his breast I lean my head
And breathe my life out sweetly there.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—Her daughters reside in Brooklyn.

DXXXII.

W. & U.
This Monument
Erected
is
In Memory of
ESTHER
Wife of AB^M. Benson
& Daughter of the late
ISAAC JARVIS
whose birth
was the 16th of April A. D. 1784,
& resign'd this Life
3rd Feb^ry 1803.
Aged 18 Years 9 Months & 18
Days.

But Ah! how soon from budding bliss she flies,
To day a Bride anon a corpse she lies;
Like Flowers expanding to the vernal Sky,
They bud, they bloom, then wither fade & die.

Tis done, Forever cease your murmuring breath,
Not as a foe but friend converfe with death:
Since to the parts of happinefs unknown,
Is gone the Treasure which you call your own.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Abraham Benson was a man of considerable character. He was a sea Captain. His house was for several years the Post Office and Tavern where the stages stopped to and from Boston and New York. He is buried in the East ground.

DXXXIII.

In
Memory of
SAMUEL SQUIRE *Esqr.*
who departed this life
27th. May 1801.
Aged 86 Years.

Praises on tombstones are but vainly fpent,
Assured life to come is our beft Monument.

(F. S.)

DXXXIV.

F. & W.
In Memory of
Mrs. Abigail Squier, Wife
of Samuel Squire Efqr;
who departed this Life
April the 13th 1780 in ye
55th Year of Her Age.
(B. S.)

DXXXV.

F. & W.
In Memory of
Mrs Abigail Squier
2d Wife of
Samuel Squier Esq.
who departed this life
April 6th 1785;
In the 52d Year of
her Age.
(F. S.)

DXXXVI.

W. & U.
In memory of
SAMUEL SQUIRE
WHO DIED
Dec 12. 1819.
Aged 73 Y'rs.
also
ANNA SQUIRE
his wife Who Died
Dec 28, 1827.
Aged 76 Y'rs.
(W. M.)

Note.—This Samuel Squire was commiseary in the Revolutionary War.

DXXXVII.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of
JESSE MOREHOUSE Son
of Mr JOHN MOREHOUS;
Who departed this Life
August 8th 1762 in ye
19th Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

DXXXVIII.

S. M.
In Memory of
Mrs. SARAH Wife of
Mr URIAH MOREHOUSE
who died Octr. 10th.
1776
in the 31st year
of her age.
(F. S.)

DXXXIX.

Susanna
daughter of
Mr John &
Mrs Hannah Morehouse
died Oct. 13, 1819,
aged 2 years
& 6 months.

DXL.

In
Memory of
Mrs Hannah, wife of
Mr John Morehouse,
who died
Oct 25, 1819;
aged 42 years.

(W. M.)

DXLI.

In
Memory of
ELEANOR BURR,
daughter of Mr. John &
Mrs Hannah Morehouse
who died
Oct. 30, 1819,
aged 18 years.

(W. M.)

DXLII.

H. H.

NOTE.—Their is nothing intelligible concerning the sleeper who rests here.

DXLIII.

THE GRAVE OF
Catharine, wife of
Wheeler Judson
died Jan 20. 1826
aged 47 years.

DXLIV.

THE GRAVE OF
WHEELER JUDSON.
died Nov 13. 1823.
aged 47 years.

NOTE.—Wheeler Judson was a tailor, who lived in the house opposite this burying ground.

DXLV.

S. M.

NOTE.—This common stone was probably to Samuel Morehouse, SON of Samuel Morehouse. See next stone.

DXLVI.

NOTE.—This,—a fac-simile of which is given on opposite page,—evidently is the oldest stone in the whole ground; from the circumstance of the date, initials and contemporary history, was erected to Samuel Morehouse, Lieutenant and County Marshal, from 1675 to 1687. He was the ancestor of the Morehouses in Fairfield and Litchfield Counties, and other families of the name scattered westward.

DXLVII.

In
memory of
MRS ANN
wife of
Capt John
ATWOOD
who
departed this life
Febr 3rd 1829
aged 40 years.
Blessed are the dead
which die in the Lord.

DXLVIII.

S. D.
1753.

NOTE.—This is a common stone with lost associations.

DLII.

Mr.
Jonathan Silliman
died
May 14, 1817:
Æ 47.
(W. M.)

DLIII.

W. & S.
Here lies Buried
the Body of Lieut
SAMUEL SQUIER
who Departed this Life
Jan^ry. 27th 1773 in the
81st. Year of his Age.
(B. S.)

DLIV.

In
memory of
MARY MEEKER
daughter of
Benjamin &
Mary Meeker,
who died
Jan. 13, 1823;
aged 16 years, 1
month, 11 days.
(W. M.)

DLV.

Face & Wings, vines on sides.
In Memory of
NOAH JARVAS Son of
M^r^. ISAAC & M^rs^. LYDIA
JARVAS who died
May ye 19 1766 in y^e^
9th Year of His Age.

He on the waves of watere Graves
The Last breath he did fetch
In blooming youth to tell the truth
Death did him quickly snach.

(B. S.)

DLVI.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
ye Body of
M^rs^. DEBORAH
SQUIER Wife to M^r^.
JOHN SQUIER; Who
Departed this Life
Aug^ft^. ye 9th 1748 in y^e^
43^d^ Year of her Age.

(B. S.)

DLVII.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
ye Body ofM^rs^. MARY
SQUIER, Wife to M^r^
SAMUEL SQUIER;
Who Departed this
Life. June the 26th
A. D. 1748 in ye 56th
Year of Her Age.

(B. S.)

DLVIII.

H. & W.
Here lyes ye Body of
M^rs. MARY SQUIER 2^d Wife
to Mr JOHN SQUIER;
Who Departed this life
Feb^ry ye 7th 1761 in y^e
31st Year of Her Age.

DLIX.

Urn.
In
Memory of
Mrs Eunice Wakeman
wife of
Capt. Andrew Wakeman
who died
Oct 5. 1821
aged 54 years.

DLX.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Mrs HANNAH WAKEMAN
Wife of
Capt. ANDREW WAKEMAN
who departed this Life
Septr 8th 1787,
In the 41st year
of her Age.
(F. S.)

DLXI.

Urn.

In

Memory of

Capt Andrew Wakeman

who died

Aug 22, 1825

aged 75 years.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Capt. Andrew Wakeman's two wives were Eunice Smedley and Hannah Allen. He built the house occupied by his grandson, Andrew P. Wakeman, (1881). The family have been long in public service. Rev. Samuel Wakeman 1665—1692, probably lies in these grounds. Capt. Andrew and his father served in a military capacity. The sword of the latter has descended to the present Andrew P. Wakeman, who has served the town creditably in various offices.

DLXII.

In

memory of

SAMUEL WAKEMAN

who died

March 15. 1826,

aged 52 years.

DLXIII.

In memory of

SALLY WAKEMAN

wife of

SAMUEL WAKEMAN

died March 6. 1857

Aged 76 years.

(W. M.)

DLXIV.

Urn.
SACRED
To the memory of
HANNAH,
wife of Moses Jarvis,
who died
January the 11th 1820.
aged 31 years,
6 months and 21 days.

All med'cins act by God's decree,
Receive commission all from thee;
If we but trust his sov'reign skill,
And bow submissive to his will,
Sickness and death will then agree
To bring us Lord at last to thee.

(W. M.)

DLXV.

Urn.
Sacred
to the Memory of
MARY
Wife of
Stephen Fowler
who died June 13, 1826,
Æ, 59 y's 7 mo. & 25 d's.

Amiable in her disposition unassuming in her manners & a faithful friend–
The law of kindness dwelt upon her tongue by her patience & resignation to the will of God.
She evidenced the sincerity of her Christian profession, beloved in life & lamented in death,
She still lives in the affection of those who knew her.

* D. Ritter & Son N. H.

(W. M.)

* The D. Ritter & Son is an advertising dodge, to which they were so accustomed, that it was even added to this beautiful monument erected to the son's wife.

DLXVI.

Weeping Willow.

SACRED

TO THE MEMORY OF

STEPHEN FOWLER

WHO DIED

MARCH 24th 1829;

AGED 73 YEARS,

AND 16 DAYS.

(W. M.)

DLXVII.

In

memory of

JOSEPH WHITTEMORE

of Fredericksburg, Va.,

who died at Fairfield;

July 22, 1831,

aged 33.

(W. M.)

NOTE—Joseph Whittemore was the first husband of Narcissa, daughter of Walter and Elizabeth B. Perry. He left a wife and three daughters, Julia, one of whom married Leon Pilatte, of Nice, France. Mrs. Whittemore afterwards married Judge Samuel Hitchcock, of New Haven, Conn., they have one son, Samuel Hitchcock, Jr., who resides in Germany.

DLXVIII.

Elbert Perry,
son of Walter &
Elizabeth B. Perry,
died Sept. 5, 1820 in
Fredericksburg, Virginia, was
removed and reinter'd here Dec 25,
aged 25 years.

Here fond affection drops the sorrowing tear,
Here friendship mourns her separated chain,
Love weeps o'er one to love and memory dear;
Whom not e'en virtue could on earth detain.

Unfeeling grave, thou teachest to the wise
This lesson, foreign to the careless throng,
Earth's highest station ends in " here he lies ".
And dust to dust concludes her noblest song.

T. L. Gow.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Walter and Elizabeth B. Sturges Perry had issue of ten children. (grand-children of Peter Perry, see CCVII). This ground being so crowded, several members of the family were interred in the "West ground," (open to the public 1829.) but were subsequently removed to Oak Lawn Cemetery, (opened 1865). The interment of the last member of this family, Hon. Oliver H. Perry, who also died in Virginia, was made in 1882. He was one of the projectors and original trustee's of the above Cemetery; one of the organizers of the Congregational Church, the Public School Building and Savings Bank in Southport, and member of Assembly for 8 years, besides holding various other offices both in Church and State, with fidelity and honor.

DLXIX.

WALTER B. PERRY,
died Oct. 14, 1817;
aged 15 years
Son of Walter &
Elizabeth B. Perry.
(W. M.)

DLXX.

GEORGE T.
died Feb. 29, 1832,
aged 3 years.
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DELIA T.
died Feb. 29, 1832
aged 15 months,
Children of
Bradley &
Julia Perry.

DLXXI.

U. & W.
Julia,
daughter of
Bradley &
Julia A. Perry,
died Oct. 23, 1822,
aged 4 months.

DLXXII.

In
memory of
BRADLEY PERRY,
who was
born Dec 14, 1785.
& died Oct. 10, 1830,
aged 45 years.

DLXXIII.

In
memory of
SAMUEL W. SHERWOOD
who was
born Sept 25, 1785
& died June 12, 1830
aged 43 years.

DLXXIV.

In memory of
BETSEY PERRY
wife of
Samuel W. Sherwood
Died Sept. 8, 1878,
Aged 88 yrs. 5 ms,
& 24 ds.

Note.—Betsey Sherwood was the 14th of Peter Perry's children, and the last survivor of that generation. Her sister, Sally Ogden, (see XIX), being born in 1764, that generation coveres 114 years. These Sisters lie in the extreme rows of the ground. Samuel W. Sherwood was from Albany. Their children reside in Brooklyn, L. I.

DLXXV.

Miss

ELIZABETH TURNEY

daughter of

Mr Isaac Turney

died June 4. 1817;

Aged 41 years.

Reader when you this monument survey,
Remember that your frame is mouldering clay.
Thy Soul, 'tis of the immortal kind,
Nor form'd of fire, or earth, or wind;
Outlives the mouldering corpse
And leaves the globe behind.
Swift the approach and solemn is the day
When the immortal mind
Stript of the body's coarse array
To endless pain or endless joy,
Must be at once consign'd,
The *NOW* that flies may be the last,
Seize the Salvation ere 'tis past.

(W. M.)

SUPPLEMENT.

Near the entrance to The Old Burying Ground are eight stones which were set there July 8, 1881.

No. 1.

HERE LYES INTERRED
Y^e BODY OF AVIS
APPLEGATE AGED
NEAR 80 YEARS,
DEC^D FEB^RY Y^e 3D
ANNO 1 7 1 $\frac{16}{17}$.

No. 2.

HERE LYES Y^e
BODY OF JOHN
APPLEGATE, AGE
82 YEARS.

NOTE.—John and Avis Applegate gave their property to the Congregational Society so long as their tombstones were preserved. They were located on the premises of the Rubber Factory. When the New Haven Railroad was constructed these stones were taken up and set back in the field; when the factory was built these stones were in the way again, so were taken up and laid in the cellar to the factory house, where they lay till reclaimed in common with others desecrated till 1881.

No. 3.

HERE LYES Y^e BODY OF
M^RS ESTHER LORD
WIFE OF M^r ———BERT
LORD AGED 67
Years–Died

NOTE.—The date of her death is obliterated—also her husband's name; except the last syllable.

No. 4.

F. & W.
HERE LYES YE BODY
OF DAVID JENNINGS
SON OF MR JOSHUA &
MRS REBECKAH JENNINGS
AGED 10 MONTHS
DECD MARCH YE 9
1 7 3 5-6.

No. 5.

HERE LYES YE BODY OF
MR BENJAMIN LINES,
DECD. FEBRUARY YE
21S 1 7 3 2
IN YE 44 YEAR
OF HIS AGE.

No. 6.

H. & W.
HERE LYES BUR——
THE BODY
MR REBECA BROWN
DECD JUNE YE 3D 1730
IN YE 75TH YEAR
OF HER AGE.

No. 7.

H. & W.
HERE LYES BURIED
YE BODY OF MR
ABRAHAM ADAMS
WHO DEC^D. AUG^ST YE 9TH 1729
IN YE 80TH YEAR OF
HIS AGE.
HAVING BEEN A WORTHY FOUN^DR
& LIBERAL BENEFACTOR TO TRINITY
CHURCH.

No. 8.

TO
ABRAHAM ADAMS
DIED 1729.

REBECCA BROWN
DIED 1730.

BENJAMIN LINES
DIED 1732.

DAVID JENNINGS
DIED 1735.

ESTHER LORD.

JOHN APPLEGATE
DIED 1712.

AVIS APPLEGATE
DIED 1717.

The seven old stones recoverd from
the Destroyed Burial Ground at Mill Plain.

This stone erected July 8, 1881,
By Citizens of Fairfield.

THE
OLD BURYING GROUND
OBSERVANCES,

July 8th, 1881.

A BRIEF SUMMARY CONTRIBUTED BY WM. A. BEERS.

Almost every school boy knows something about Fairfield. Originally the favorite Indian settlement *Unquowa*, it attracted the advance guard of civilization, and nineteen years after the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers was officially made a town. A strategic point during the Revolution, it was invaded and burned by the British Troops. For many years an educational center, it drew students from many sections, who went forth to fill places of distinction in national and civil life. As its name implies it was, and is, one of the fairest portions of New England's soil; both nature and conspicious events have combined to give it favorable celebrity and chapters of honor in American History. The Fairfield Centennial Commemoration of July 8th, 1879, was therefore universally acknowledged to have national as well as local significance; and when the old town saw fit to publicly freshen the memories and rebuild the tombs of its fathers, the anniversary of its centenary was naturally chosen as the ceremonial day.

The following transcript of the general invitation to these ceremonies will perhaps convey a fair idea of their scope and character:

"QUI TRANSTULIT SUSTINET."

1639.

The old town of Fairfield will mark the anniversary of its Centennial Commemoration by observances in regard to its

Ancient Burial Ground

AT THE

Congregational Chapel,

ON

Friday Afternoon, July 8th, 1881.

COMMENCING AT 2 O'CLOCK.

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ORDER OF EXERCISES.

PRAYER, - - - - - - - *Rev. George S. Burroughs.*

AMERICA, - - - - - - Quartette of St. Johns' Church, *Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Spencer, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Averill.*

REMARKS, Introductory, - - - *Rev. Jas. K. Lombard.*

"CAST THY BURDEN ON THE LORD," - - - *Quartette.*

ADDRESS,

"Rebuilding of the tombs of our Ancestors." - - *Mr. William A. Beers.*

"CONSIDER THE LILIES," - - - - - - *Quartette.*

REMARKS, Colonial, - - - - - - *Prof. Benj. Silliman.*

"BREAK, BREAK, BREAK, ON THY COLD GRAY STONES, OH SEA!" - - - - - *Quartette.*

GENERAL REMARKS, - - - - - - - *By Visitors.*

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Visit to the Old Ground and Unveiling of the Cenotaph.

The day proved stormy, and many were unavoidably absent who had warmly responded to the invitations. Among these was Professor Benjamin Silliman, of Yale College, who, much to the general disappointment, reluctantly sent late in the day a telegram of regret. Otherwise the programme was fully carried out. The Chapel was well filled when Rev. George S. Burroughs opened the exercises with a fervent appeal to the God of our fathers; and after the fine vocal music of the selected quartette, Rev. Jas. K. Lombard, with characteristic good taste and felicity, expressed the sentiment of the gathering, and introduced the speaker of the day in these words:

"In common with the rest of the country, Fairfield has experienced a revival of the historic spirit. Our amiable town clerk, the custodian of the public records has of late found his office no sinecure. A degree of interest in those ancient folios has been developed, second only to that which is manifested in the revised version of the New Testament.

"We have had historical addresses on several occasions, historical contributions to the local papers, prospectuses of a town history which is yet in the future, and the actual apparition of a history whose size and price have filled too hasty subscribers with dismay. We have a historical society lately formed in that portion of our suburbs known as Bridgeport, in order to take charge of all valuable documents relating to our local history, otherwise liable to perish from neglect. And the ancient burial grounds have been explored with a zeal worthy of the antiquary.

"If I speak lightly, let me not be thought for one moment to speak slightingly of such a spirit. No enlightened citizen can fail to rejoice in whatever tends to dignify the past. It is a sign of national *maturity*.

"The boy has little sentiment to expend upon the place of his birth and the home of his ancestors. He is more interested in anticipating his manhood's abode and his worldly fortunes in days to come.

"The man, on the contrary, grows sentimental over the thought of his boyhood's home and of the friends of his youth. He would like to *trace his ancestry*, not merely to establish his title to an estate, but out of pure sentiment. And sentiment is a manly thing. We are not ashamed of the sentiment which holds an insult to the flag to be a crime worthy of death, and the murder of the chief executive to be an act of treason for which hanging is too good.

"It is this laudable spirit which originated the movement of which to day's assembly is in part the result. We seek to rescue from oblivion the memories of some who deserved better things of their descendants than forgotten and dishonored graves.

"But I will not anticipate what shall be said in the principal address of this occasion. Without further preface I make way for the speaker of the day, our public spirited townsman, Mr. Beers."

After Mr. Lombard's happy remarks; and singing by the Quartette, that was most touchingly rendered; Mr. Beers began his neighbourly address:

"NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS:

"The solicitude of centuries has embalmed the spirit and elevated the operations of the sentiment that has prompted the ceremonies of this anniversary. Loyalty to the memory of ancestors has found expression in prehistoric mound and ancient pyramid, mediæval pile and modern monument; it is a sentiment as old as holy writ, as new as the life that stirs us to day. It inspired the sorrowing Patriarch to raise a pillar to the Rachel he had lost; our fathers to rear the tablets in the village burial-ground, and us to rebuild the tombs of our ancestors there, and in our hearts and homes.

"An address to be in keeping with so high a theme should comprise a carefully compiled historical paper, rather than this contribution; and I hasten to remind you, as some palliation for the poverty of my tribute, of the absence of local record from which to gather what would be more worthy of the occasion. My first attempt to penetrate the mists of antiquity and restore some tangible relic had scarcely other guide than vague tradition; my search ''midst skulls and coffins, epitaphs and worms, where visionary shadows perform their mystic rounds,' was pursued by the dim light of fading memories.

"Can you tell me when this spot was first used as a burying ground?" I asked of the ubiquitous, 'oldest inhabitant.' The kindly though somewhat indefinite reply was:

"Why, bless you! it always was the Old Burying Ground!" The answer, added to historic facts, points with accuracy to the respectable venerableness wrought by two hundred and fifty years; but the fastidious antiquary gropes in vain among the mouldering heaps for other than suggestive evidences of such antiquity, however he revels in the quaint and moss-grown mysteries.

"The brown and gray slabs which have legible dates anterior to 1725 may be counted upon ones' fingers, those between this and 1750 are as easily enumerated, and by far the greater number have yielded both names and figures to the ravages of time. The oldest decipherable stone tells its tale in briefest figures: S. M. 1687; and this has been indentified as the grave-mark of Samuel Morehouse who was County Marshal here from 1675 to to the time of his death in 1687. There are no stones with legible inscriptions that assert the remoteness of contemporaneous grounds, notably those of Windsor and New Haven, but they are nevertheless equally old; nearness to the salt water of the sound being the cause of earlier decay. There are, besides, scores of little hollows (the careless loiterer will stumble upon them) which once were rounded hillocks, but never bore mark at all;* and these shrunken witnesses are all that remain to tell of men that helped to mould our national life. A little longer and these faint traces will disappear; these monuments will cease to be memorials. Of this we may feel assured; no tombs of our land indicate worthier lives, or invite profounder homage than the crumbling ones where, 'it always was the old burying ground.'

"We find ample reason for the unstable monuments of our fathers as we trace the footprints along the shore of time back to the settlement of the town by Roger Ludlowe, in 1639, nineteen years after the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. Those were poor tools with which the struggling pioneers, in the time that tried men's hands as well as souls, shaped the destinies we so comfortably continue. Even suitable stones were remarkably scarce in these valleys, and time and means were too scanty to quarry from the surrounding hills. The same rude implements which turned the soil for subsistence, hollowed the narrow cell and the stones thrown up in the process furnished alike the rough hearth, and simple grave-mark; the same hands which smoothed the pillow, bore the pall, defied the savage, implored divine protection.

"In primitive burials no attempt was made to relieve inexorable fact. The elaborate appliances by which the modern undertaker, high in his art, daintily tempers the gloom—the euphony of the 'casket,' and soothing elegy of preacher, the music and the flowers—were "abominations" that a Puritan grave digger

* "Governors: Haynes, Wyllys, Webster, and Leet lie buried at Hartford without a monument." Trumbull's His. of Conn., Ed. 1797, VI. pp. 245.

thought sinful even to dream about. The coffin was a domestic product, sturdy shoulders formed the hearse; and a convenient enclosure by the road side was often the hasty place of sepulture. Ministers did not always attend the burials, and religious services generally were shunned as savoring too much of prelatical practices, and tending to conduct the mind back to the forsaken ritual of the Church of England. Mourning found no outward expression; silk, crape, or even bombazine, were out of the question, had they not been despised as badges of a useless and sinful custom. Our fathers were more ascetic than æsthetic; funeral trappings were as repugnant as royal pageantry; "the Puritan prostrated himself in the dust before his maker, but he set his foot on the neck of his king;" he worshipped neither dumb nor speaking idols of clay; he made no fetich of the dead.

"Indeed, there was little time to mourn, his dead buried, he turned a face of flint toward activities that were uncompromising; the dead had died in a good service and 'the fit way for survivors to honor and lament them was to be true to one another and work bravely for the cause to which dead and living had alike been consecrated.' * This was not indifference, however, a single death in the slender colony was a general calamity; but his physical condition as well as religion forbade him to cherish anything that would retard the great cause he had resolutely determined to advance.

"But increasing fortune and leisure, as the colony prospered, brought in their train the desire for funeral display and cemetery ornamentation. At the beginning of the seventeenth century, monument making began to be a respected art, as well as a trade worth following in the colonies, and we hear of a dignified Puritan Governor of our state who did not refuse the hand of his daughter to a master of the new craft; there began also a 'renaissance' in arts relating to coffin upholstery and obsequies generally. The distribution of gloves, rings, and scarfs at funerals was a notable custom introduced, and was carried to such excess that town authorities complied with the fashion by supplying these articles, at the town's expense, at the burial of paupers. At the obsequies of the wife of a famous Governor, more than one thousand pairs of gloves were dispensed among the attendants. † This, and similar practices prevailed to

* Palfrey's His. of N. E. VII. pp. 43.

† Felt's Customs of N. E.

such an extent in early Connecticut, that the Legislature passed a law modifying the usage, and even the Colonial Congress was appealed to for its suppression.

"The sole instance of burial procedures in ancient Fairfield, that my friend, the 'oldest inhabitant' can resurrect, is the following:—'It was a hot day, the distance long, the bier carried on tressels, weighty; half-way one of the bearers, also a heavy weight, cried out: 'set him down, he's heavy,' and pulling a flask from a convenient pocket, all imbibed fresh courage and moved solemnly on. Rather an incongruous mixture of good and evil spirits truly; but as we repress a smile, let us remember that it tallied with the olden custom that, with no thought of irreverence, placed the ever-ready decanter on the hospitable side-board in close proximity to the well-thumbed scriptures.

"Three easily distinguished grades of stones in the Old Burying Ground mark the progress in mortuary usages. The first comprises the crude ones which differ but slightly from those which supplied the fences of the period; their inscriptions, as a rule, are confined to briefest statement, and in many instances simply give the initals and year, as is the case with that referred to as S. M. The second grade has larger stones and hint of the offices of sculptor and poet. Here and there one meets with an oddity that trespasses on his gravity; for example, this poetic effusion:

'Death like an overflowing stream
Sweeps us away; our life's.a dream,
An empty tail; a morning flower,
Cut down and withered in a hour.'

The original way in which the colonial poet spells tale, (*tail*). instinctively calls up thoughts of Mr. Darwin, and invites a digression to which I only yield the passing remark that possibly some old errors were less gross than those of our period of evolution. A curious epitaph from an adjacent town seems to ask admittance here by way of comparison; it is one that a deacon, with a unique idea of poetic justice, placed upon the tomb of his imprudent help-mate:

'Here lies cut down like unripe fruit,
The wife of Deacon Amos Shute;
She died of drinking too much coffee,
Anny Dominy seventeen forty.'

This would severely test that optimism that 'finds sermons in stones and good in everything.'

"The third grade includes those of blue slate, freestone and marble, many of them no doubt imported

from England, and are embellished with the familiar weeping willows, cherubs and death's heads. Those of slate have a decided preference, and as they resist the salty atmosphere of the locality, and long retain a neat appearance, there was good reason for the choice; they are especially free from moss or other sign of decay, and tell their story of mortality with a clearness that commends them to the antiquary with more curiosity than leisure or perchance of patience. A diminished verbiage, too, is a pleasing feature of this grade, although an occasional grandiloquent inscription (as in all cemeteries ancient or modern,) offends the nicer perceptions. It was Charles Lamb who, when strolling with his sister through an old-world churchyard where fulsome eulogies were profuse, slyly asked: 'Mary, where do all the naughty ones lie?'—The moral is easily resurrected.

"There is, however, comparatively little to suggest invidious distinctions in our Old Burying Ground, as the thoughtful visitor questions these weather beaten sentinels, of the days that are past. They are for the most part ranged in rows with little regard to family or other exclusiveness. The same peculiarity will be observed in the widely separated burial places in Southport, Green's Farms and Greenfield. His part in the stern drama over, a sheltered nook near the homestead, or *next place* in the neighboring rows, shut the actor out from public gaze. More formal observances in this regard, as in others, followed the erection of the second edifice of the *Prime Antient Church* which, attracting temporal and spiritual matters to this center, the old became the principal ground for interments.

"Later on, at Mill Plain, when Trinity Church lifted its spire heavenward, there clustered about its holy precincts the tombs that 'sadly furnish forth' the salient part of your pious work to day. The small plot that was once thought consecrated ground has been ruthlessly ploughed over and under; tradition points a wavering finger towards it; memory loses itself mid the rattle and the roar of the iron wheels of progress. The seven stones rescued—venerable monitors that silently told off the successive generations during a century and a half, that had been torn from their stations, thrust out in the cold, left to perish with forgotten rubbish, are all that is left to tell that Trinity churchyard existed. You gather them again to their kindred, and retrace with the warm touch of humanity their almost forgotten legends. Truly has one prophesied who said: 'conceal your last

resting-place where local history keeps no record, and where tradition even cannot betray you; yet accident shall at last stumble upon your unknown tomb.'

"The most conspicuous of these rescued memorials is that of Abraham Adams, 1716, and on it are these reproachful words: 'worthy founder of and benefactor to Trinity Church.' He was an early settler of considerable fortune, and, as the stone indicates, of large practical piety, and lived on the spot where the homestead of Deacon Morehouse stands, at Barlow's Plains. A relic of equal worth, and pointing a similar reproof, is the stone of John Applegate, 1712. He too, was an early planter; and the Congregational Society had substantial evidence of his christian beneficence. The least preserved of these tomb-waifs whose neglect for a score of years is cause for amazement, not to say shame, is the one inscribed to Mrs. Esther Lord, date not legible, but probably 1730. She was a descendant of the noted settler Andrew Ward, was endowed with rare qualities of mind and person, and married successively, four men of wealth and position. Tradition reports her a widow that was widely respected, whose abundant means were dispensed with an open hand. Why it happens that her numerous descendants have permitted the sacrilege indicated by the neglected stone is a problem I will not attempt to solve. Sharing the same problem are the remaining four of the seven recovered from the destroyed burial ground of Mill Plain, and rehabilitated to day; Rebecca Brown, 1730; Benjamin Lines, 1732; Avis Applegate, 1716; David Jennings—aged ten months, 1735. Grouped now on the Old Burying Ground as yet sacred from plough or railway, with a substantial cenotaph newly perpetuating their memories; pilgrims turning toward these shrines may recognize, perhaps in the child's tablet, a long missed link in the family chain, which your rebuilding has restored.

"Of the fathers that lie in our ancient cemetery, those of primary interest are the early ministers—central figures of the group that stood round the cradle of civil and religious liberty. Rev. John Jones was the first. He was a native of Wales, was educated and episcopally ordained in England, and came, with other nonconforming clergymen of the national church, to this Country in 1635. With him are associated the rude building in which our fathers, armed as for battle, assembled at the beat of the drum, for legislative purposes as well as for worship; the lectures given in the meeting-house, or from

cabin to cabin, which were often emphasized by examples that pillory, stocks, or whipping-post afforded; and all that stirred the thought and life of primitive Fairfield. It was he that attended the execution of Goody Knapp * who was condemned as a witch, and tendered the poor victim such kindly ministrations as his conscience permitted towards one whom the gloomy fanaticism of the time had shut out from christian consolation. His erudition gave him honorable mention in Ecclesiastical Annals, † and he died, generally revered, in 1665. *No stone marks his grave.* Rev. Samuel Wakeman was called by the vote of the town—as was the custom—in 1665, the second edifice was built during his pastorate, and when he died in 1692, it was resolved in town meeting 'his death is for a lamentation unto us.' Rev. Joseph Webb called 'provided he had orthodox views on baptism,' in 1694, was an original Fellow of Yale College, wrote the earliest records extant of this society, and, at his death in 1732, was mourned as 'a pillar of the churches' that had fallen. Rev. Noah Hobart, a noted theologian, was pastor here from 1732 to the time of his death, 1773; and the third edifice was erected in his time. Rev. Andrew Elliot, Jr. was called in 1774, and remained until 1805. It was during his pastorate that the meeting house, together with all the principal buildings of the town was burned by the British, July 8th, 1779, ‡ and his account of that terrible day is, to my mind, the most truthful and graphic in history. Although Mr. Eliot's ability commanded a more remunerative field, (i.e. financially,) he worked on here at a salary of three hundred dollars per annum, and as is stated, 'hard to get, at that.' He lived on Holland Hill, and used to walk down in all weathers, not only to lead the meetings, but to build with his own hands the fires in the great wood stoves of the period. It is such practical piety and broad usefulness as this we should remember when we incline to speak flippantly of the cant and narrowness of these Puritans. Stalwart and picturesque, they form a noble background to our history; their unquestioned purity of motive, and unbending endurance in the cause of civil and religious freedom have, more than any other human force shaped our National life. As one has well

* See Vol. II. *New Haven Colony Records* for account of this tragedy.

† See *Sprague's Ecclesiastical History*; *Felt's Annals of American Pulpit*, and a Paper by the writer in *Fairfield County Historical Society's Collection.*

‡ It is but fair to state that General Tryon's troops neither purposely destroyed records, or mutilated the tombs. Whatever re-written history may call them; they were not iconoclasts.

said: 'there were canting Puritans, but Puritanism was not canting hypocrisy.'

"The prejudice against the Book of Common Prayer abated early here. In 1707, Episcopalians held regular services, and the honored dust of two of their clergy, peacefully mingles with that of their Puritan brothers in the old common ground. Rev. James Sayre, an able and sincere divine who, though thought to sympathize with the enemy in 1779, vainly endeavored to stay the destructive hand of Gen'l Tryon, and who preserved much of the property of his neighbors, though his own shared the burning. Rev. James Lamson, an efficient and worthy worker for his church, who was content to lay his bones in the conservative field that eliminates sects and knows no distinctions among the children that share the long rest in its bosom.

"With a brevity that is reluctant but compulsory, let me recall something of the laymen that have peaceful abode there. Hon. Ebenezer Silliman heads an illustrious line, that claims a large tribute in this rebuilding. Born here in 1708, he graduated at Yale College, was for 27 consecutive years Representative at the Legislature, and for 23 years Judge of the Superior Court. He was conspicuous in public life for nearly half a century and commanded universal respect and esteem in both public and private life. He lived on Holland Hill, died in 1775, and on his tomb is this suggestive epigram: 'I have said ye were gods, but ye shall all die like men.' General Gold Silleck Silliman, his son, was born in Fairfield, 1732, graduated at Yale, 1752, was made General in 1776, and served with distinction in the Revolution; an honored descendant is Benjamin Silliman, L.L.D., the well-known professor of Chemistry and Minerology at Yale College; and whose absence from 'the pious work of rebuilding the tombs of our ancestors,' (his own words.) is occasioned solely by the 'strenuous rain' of to day. Col. David Burr, who has handed down a record too familiar to require word of mine, was the progenitor of the families that uphold the good old name in every quarter of our town, and with due regard, a charactistic reminiscence. When *ye Prime Antient Church* was built, he generously offered to paint the pulpit, and the following permission is officially recorded: 'whereas, Col. Burr has offered to paint the pulpit in the meeting house at his own expense, he has liberty to do the same, *provided it be of a light stone color.*' * Captain Smedley who,

* Old Records of Fairfield.

when Fairfield numbered among her ancient glories, that of being a Port of Entry, was Collector here,—the *Custom House* still stands on Greenfield Hill. He lived where have successively been the homes of David Barlow, 'the ci-devant farmer;' Judge Osborne,—the family name dots the old yard—and Henry J. Beers, the present occupant. Major Samuel Beers, grandfather of your speaker, held two important public offices, was brave and efficient; and, as filial tradition almost daily accentuates, was 'every inch a man.' David Judson, whose place was first in church and in town activities; and who founded the original library here, which, with its one hundred and fifty volumes—more select than numerous,—had its revenue from a yearly tax upon its members of twenty-five cents.

"Near the gate of our favored 'Gods Acre' is the slab inscribed to Elizabeth Rowland, widow of Andrew Rowland, Esq., and daughter of Gov. Fitch. She was a noble type of the heroic women of Revolution times, and grandmother of several of the name, whose public spirit and private worth now command respect and esteem in our town. These too, stay our hurried notes. Col. Nathan Gold, Deputy Governor of Connecticut, from 1708 to 1724, and ancestor of Captain John Gould of revered memory—the name being properly Gold. Capt. Abraham Gold, who, here 'takes his rest with his martial cloak around him;' he was brought down from Ridgefield dead on his war-horse, and no braver name responds to the roll-call of this field of honor. Here sleeps well Col. Andrew Burr, who fought well in the French war. Peter Perry, whose five sons honoring various professions in the Country, used to have annual reunions in New York City; and one of whose descendants enjoys the picturesque home in Mill Plain where the old mill and busy stream make pleasant music together. Judge Jonathan Sturges, of whose children's children the health and progress of our town speak in substantial eulogy. Hezekiah Sturges, whose home shared the burning in 1779, but who built another with timbers cut and brought down, mostly by himself, from a distant wood. The new building he devoted chiefly to the use of the Episcopalians, their edifice being destroyed; it stood where now an elm shades the residence of Miss Mary Nicholls, in Mill Plain; and I recall the act and the actor with reverent gratitude. Hezekiah Nicholls, ancestor of Deacon Samuel Nicholls, who for many years held public office here. Capt. Eleazor Bulkley, who commanded

a ship, and also high regard in old-time Commercial circles; his account of the landing of the British troops on our beach is related with the vividness of an eye-witness. Henry Marquand, a Jeweler from the Isle of Guernsey is identified with one of the precious stones of the cluster that shines anew to day. He was ancestor of Henry and Frederick Marquand, whose names are conspicuously engraved on the large charities of our day. The respected name of Barlow is often met as we trace the silent families which mingle in this common household of the great leveler, and the name has also an enduring distinction in the adjacent familiar plains. Capt. Walter Thorp has here his long watch on the eternal voyage; he was claimed as an upright citizen of Black Rock, but posterity claims him as a type of the olden-time gentleman.

"Our historic Academy, once a noted educational power in the land, bids me pause at the names of its founders as I check the two and a half century way-bills of Fairfield's dead: David Burr, Gershom Burr, Jonathan Sturges, Isaac Jennings, Lathrop Lewis, David Allen, Ebenezer Dimon, David Judson, Stephen Fowler, Nathan Beers, Samuel Penfield, Andrew Wakeman, James Knapp, Eleazer Bulkley, Andrew Eliot, John Morehouse, Isaac Marquand, Joseph Squire, Gershom Sturges——— as we rehabilitate their tombs may we be inspired with something of their good old fashioned virtues and activities. The medical faculty have honorable representation in Doctors Francis Forgue, and Thomas Hill—their pathies are forgotten in the eclectic sympathies of this commemoration. And let us not forget the negro, the poor slave who died in the cause of freedom, and is here forever emancipated, whose memory lives, though tradition, even, has forgotten his name. Others there are, that deserve a volume of unaffected eulogy, but the waning hours forbid their briefest histories; let us include all in the apostrophe of our Centennial poet: *

'Ruthless hand of the spoiler preserve their renown,
From restless improvement these monuments spare,
Let them pass the old tales to posterity down,
And time make the trust his perpetual care.'

"And now, my friends, permit in closing a brief retrospect. The 8th of July, two years ago, found our usually staid town confronting the stir and bustle of a grand holiday. It was a jubilant day. It was accompanied by the clangor of bells, streaming flags, the ban-

* Rev. James K. Lombard, whose poem of Unquowa is one of the finest that the Centennial spirit has evoked.

quet, the hum of a multitude, the dignity of State. The wisdom of the historian, * the glow of the poet, the grace of the orator of that day, lifted us from the contemplation of a disaster into an area of triumph and rejoicing. To day finds us continuing the theme—the ashes of our fathers, but with graver accessories. The bell moderates its tone, the assemblage take on something of the gravity that a perilous environment made habitual to our sires. The music is voiced in a key more attuned to whisperings of the old homestead, the old un-revised Bible, the old Heaven—with its old reverse reality, the old old story of mortality. Shadowy multitudes crowd the green, its trees wave only leafy banners: our dignity assumes no borrowed robes. The historian and the poet do not lend their inspirations to the humbler occasion; the magnetic words of the orator give place to the gentle benediction that floats from yonder oaks: *Sursum Corda!* †

"And we 'lift up our hearts, to all the spirit voices that tell of a useful walk in these fair streets from that fairer land. It is well that we single out the cultured, the illustrious, as standards toward which to bend our lives; but as we turn to contemplate that old silent city, distinctions are lost in a common solicitude.

"There, they lie ranged in common; side by side as they stood shoulder to shoulder in life. Side by side with mounds that speak and tablets yet eloquent are crumbling bits of stone and earth that make no sign. Who shall say as he treads this hallowed ground, beneath which part sleep those most worthy of homage? the very spot your foot presses may be the dust of the titled leader, or that of the nameless negro who, in a common patriotism, disputed with blood the historic lane that borders this crowded field.

"Keep its old memories green, guard tenderly its precious dust; and as we bid a neighborly adieu, take home and make home better for its ever new teachings. Not the least of its lessons is, that he who does his best, ranks with the greatest, who can do no more; who waits upon the high behests of his fathers, serves with the noblest. The humblest sharer in to day's rebuilding may do his nearest duties so well, that future generations will wreathe his memory with a blessing, though every vestige of the tomb be obliterated.

* Rev. Edward E. Rankin, D.D., compiled the excellent historical address at Fairfield's Centenary.

† On Doctor Osgood's tomb at Oak Lawn Cemetery is his life-motto, *Sursum Corda*—Lift up your hearts.

After the principal address, Hon. T. S. Gold, spoke warmly of the personal, and forcibly of the general interest in the day's proceedings; and William Jennings, Esq., in a short but dignified speech, summed up the good results which would doubtless ensue in other localities from the edifying and timely observances in Fairfield. A most pleasing feature was the singing by the quartette in intelligent sympathy with the sentiment of the occasion; and a little incident, just as the audience prepared to visit the cemetery and witness the unveiling of the newly erected cenotaph, indicated a delicate appreciation of both music and singers. The floral design that had brightened the speaker's table, at a slight touch, fell apart into miniature bouquets which were presented to the ladies and gentlemen, whose chaste interludes had contributed so appreciably to perfect the harmony of the exercises and complete the success of the "rebuilding."

In addition to the extended reports of the *Standard* and the *Farmer*, of Bridgeport, and the State press generally, the following summary appeared in the *New York Observer*:

"REBUILDING THE TOMBS OF OUR ANCESTORS.—The old town of Fairfield, Conn., marked the anniversary of its centennial commemoration, by observances in regard to its old burial-ground, on Friday, the 8th of July. Notwithstanding the rain, the Congregational chapel was well filled. Rev. Mr. Burroughs opened the exercises with prayer, a selected quartette followed with exceptionally fine vocal music, and Rev. Mr. Lombard, the centennial poet, in a few admirably chosen words spoke warmly of the object of the gathering, and introduced the speaker of the day, Mr. Wm. A. Beers.

"In an address outlining the traditions and authentic history of the old ground—it dates back to 1639,—Mr. Beers modestly but fully mastered his subject. He left little pertinent unsaid. His address appears at length in the local papers. The salient feature of the occasion was the unveiling of a substantial cenotaph newly perpetuating seven stones dating from 1716 to 1724, which, long sadly neglected, were recovered from a destroyed ground 'ploughed over and under' at Mill

Plain. Together with the renewed inscriptions was engraved on it; 'Erected by citizens of Fairfield, July 8th, 1881.' As the old Colonial flag was drawn from it a large wreath, a tribute from Mrs. Jonathan Sturges, was placed upon it, and many descendants of the grand old men and women who lie in this historic place communed with the crowded memories that the observance and the spot inspired. It was an eminently fitting commemoration, and fittingly carried out without ostentation and with a reverence that was as touching as it was commendable."

In concluding my report of this successful "rebuilding of the tombs of our ancestors," I beg to add my mite toward the sum of gratitude earned by one who laid the foundation and largely aided in completing the structure—Mrs. Kate E. Perry. It was her reverent zeal that kept alive public interest in these crumbling memorials, her voice that solicited funds for their rehabilitation, her unwearied work of pen and brain that preserves their invaluable records to posterity.

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